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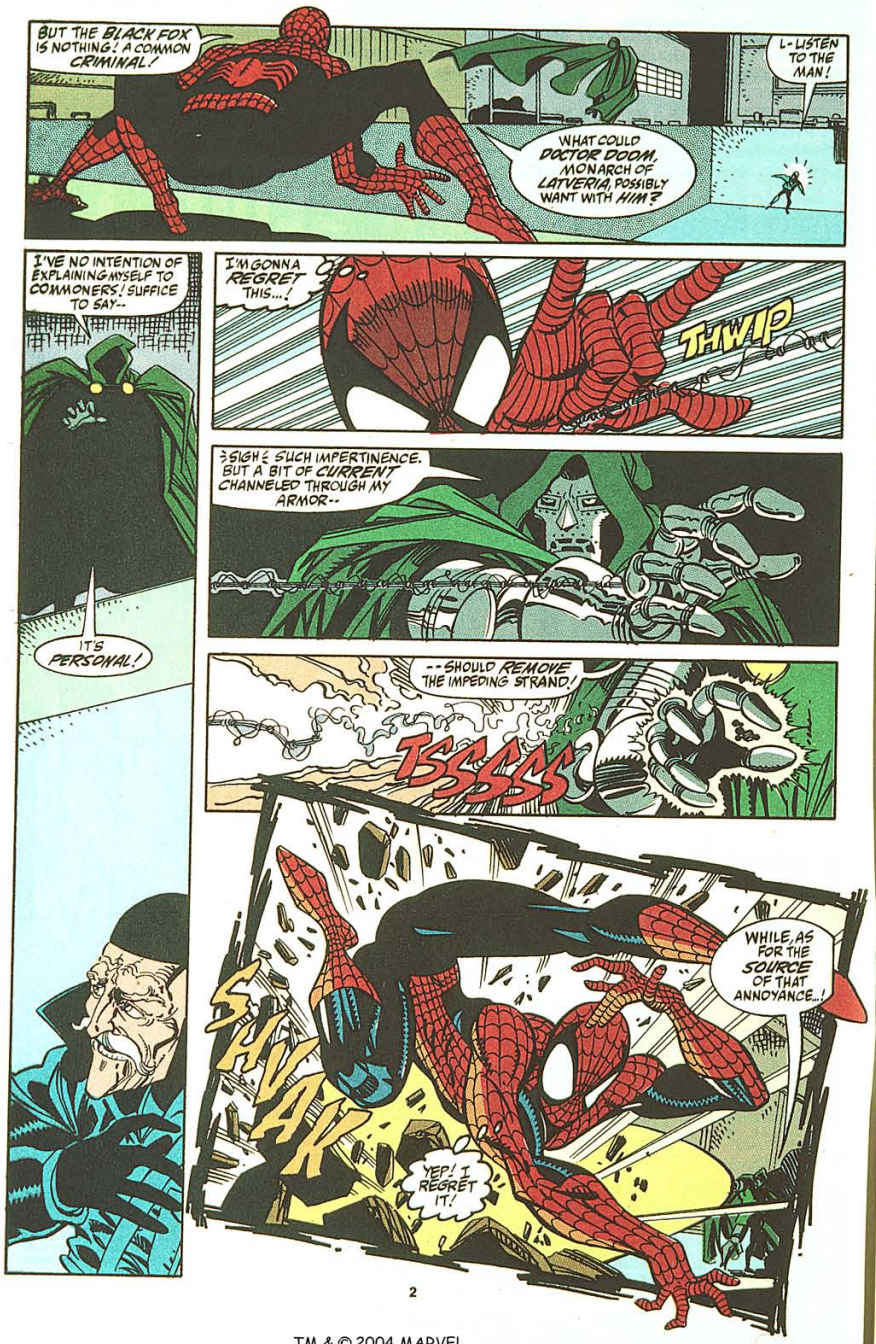




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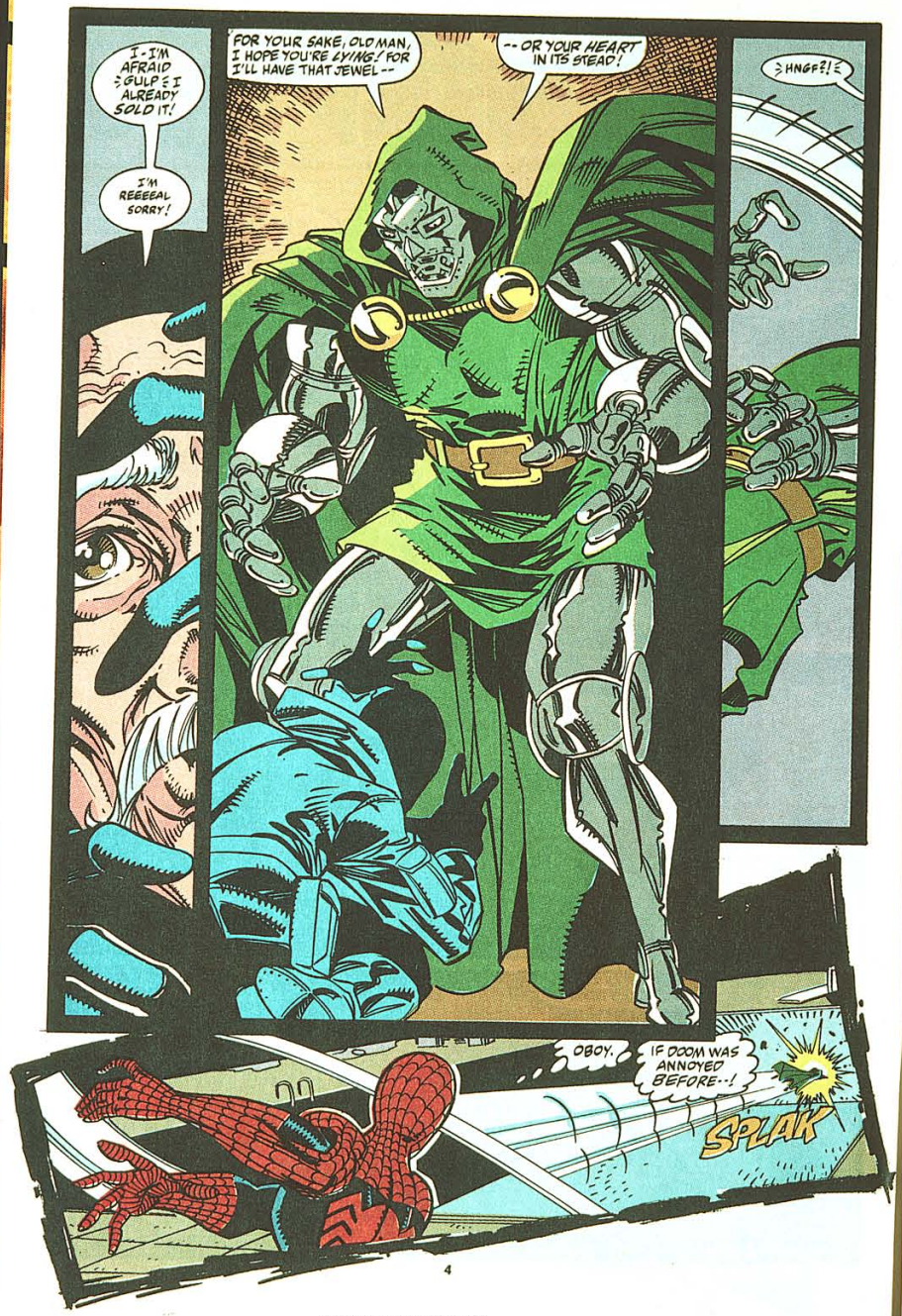




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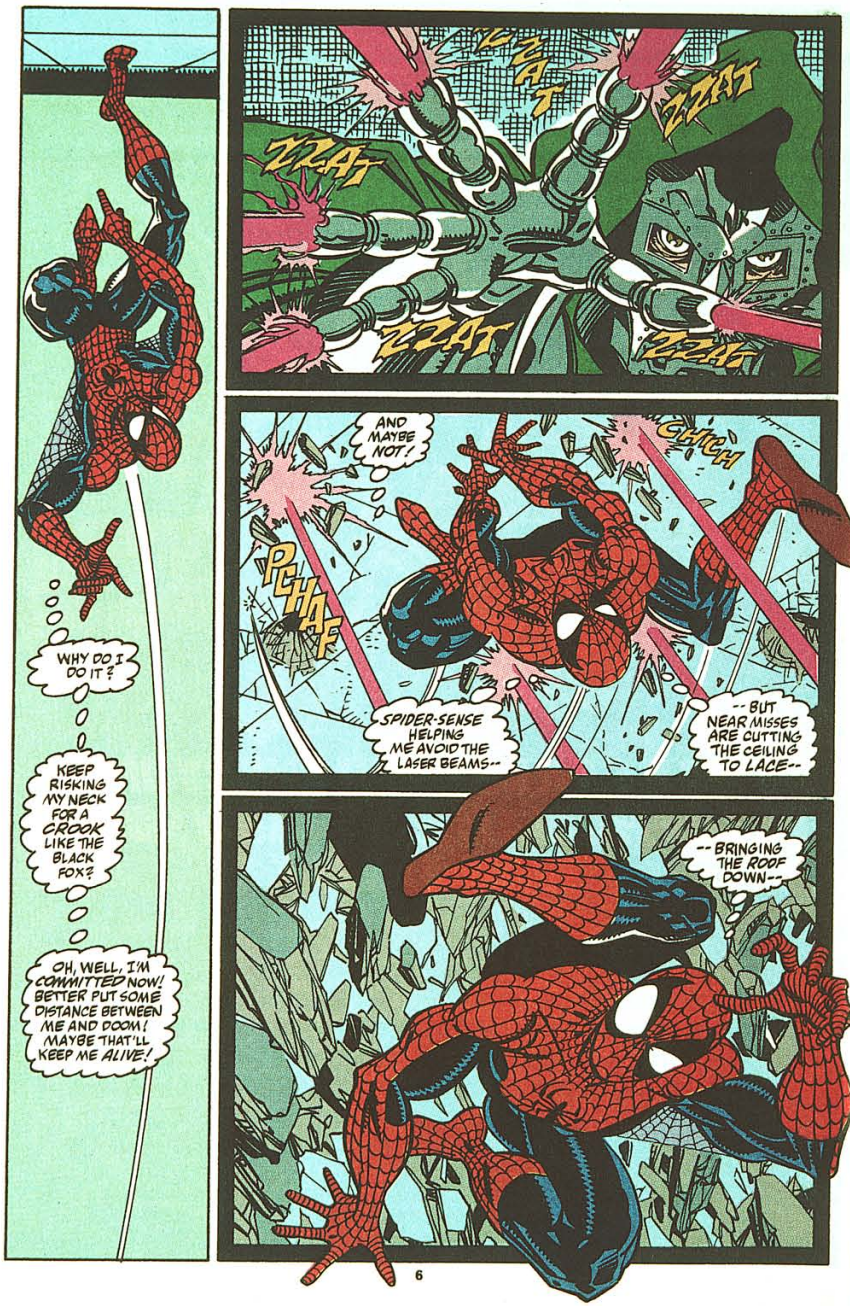




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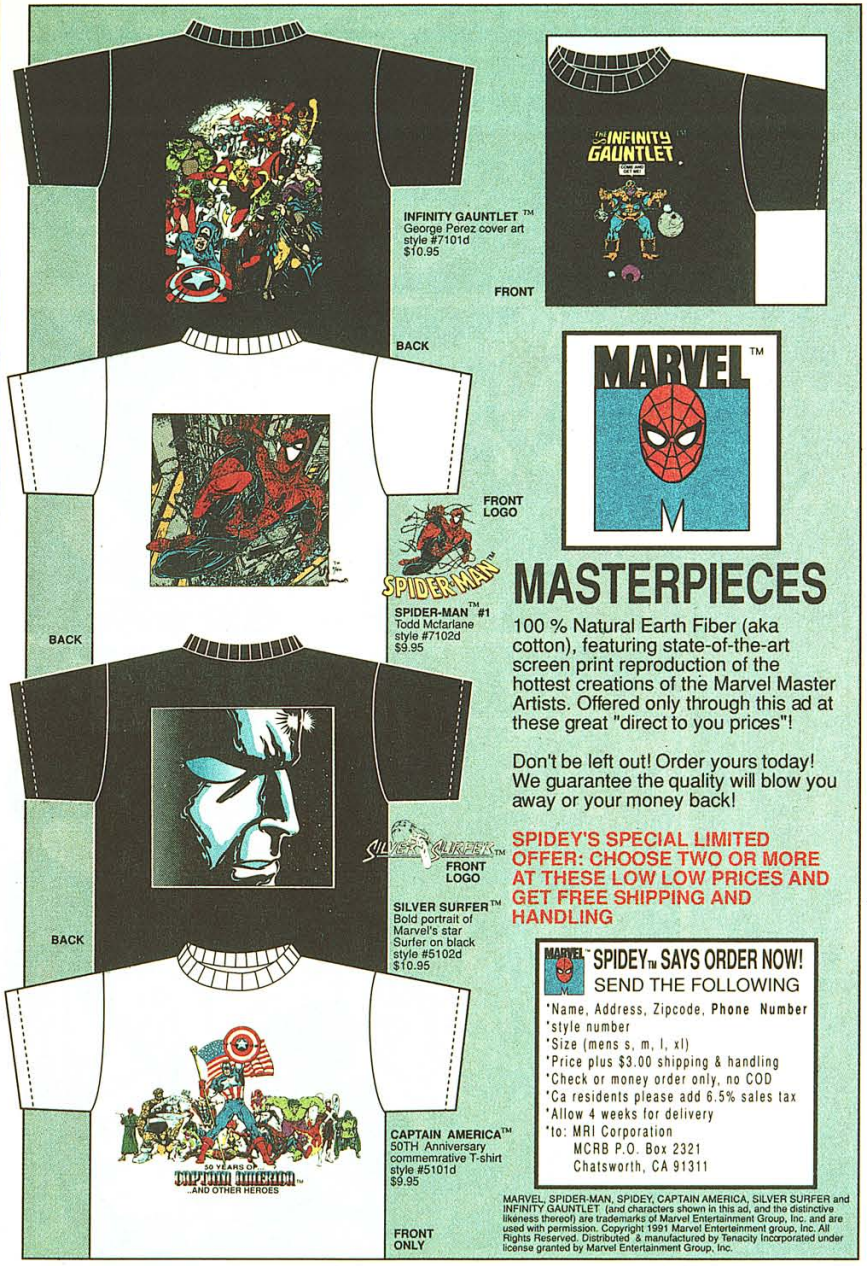


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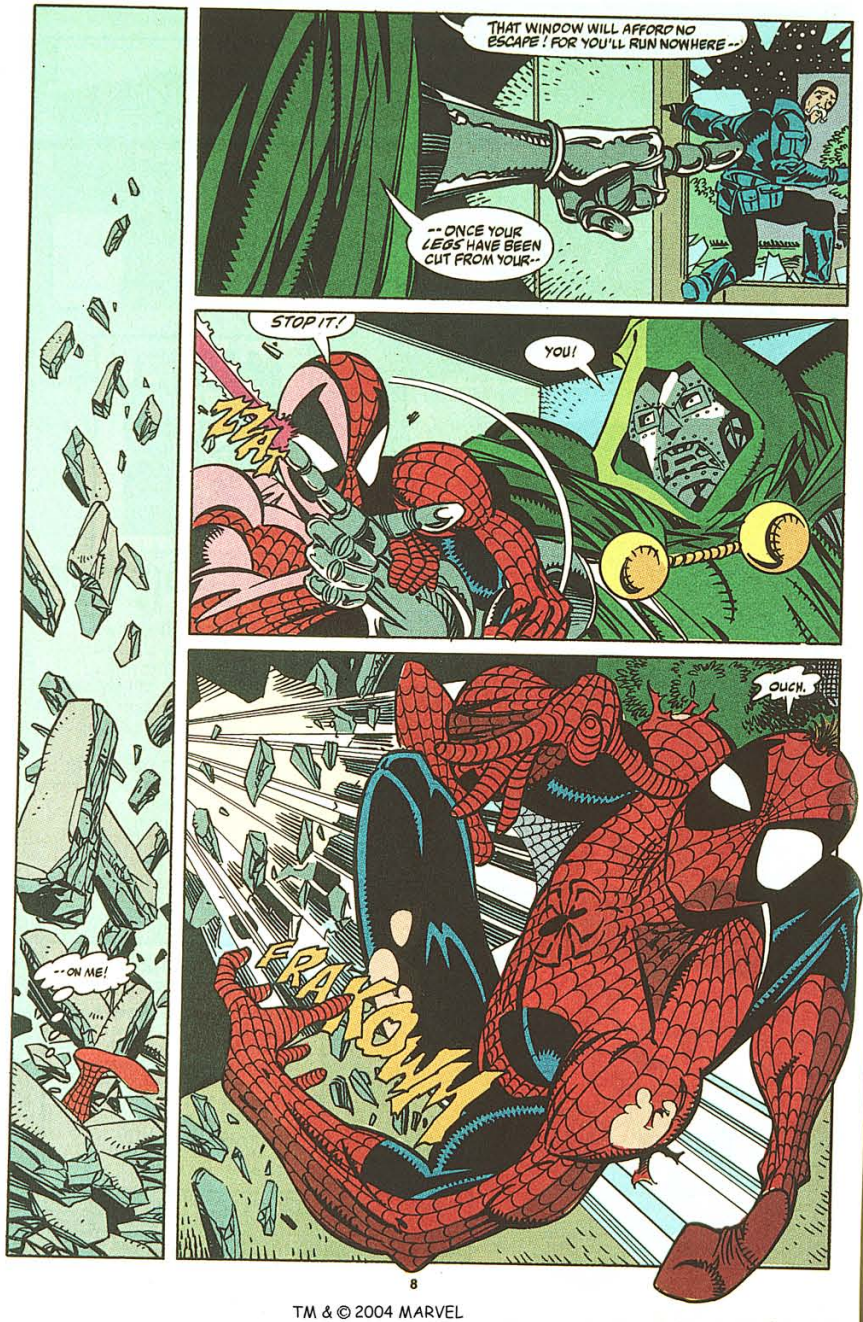




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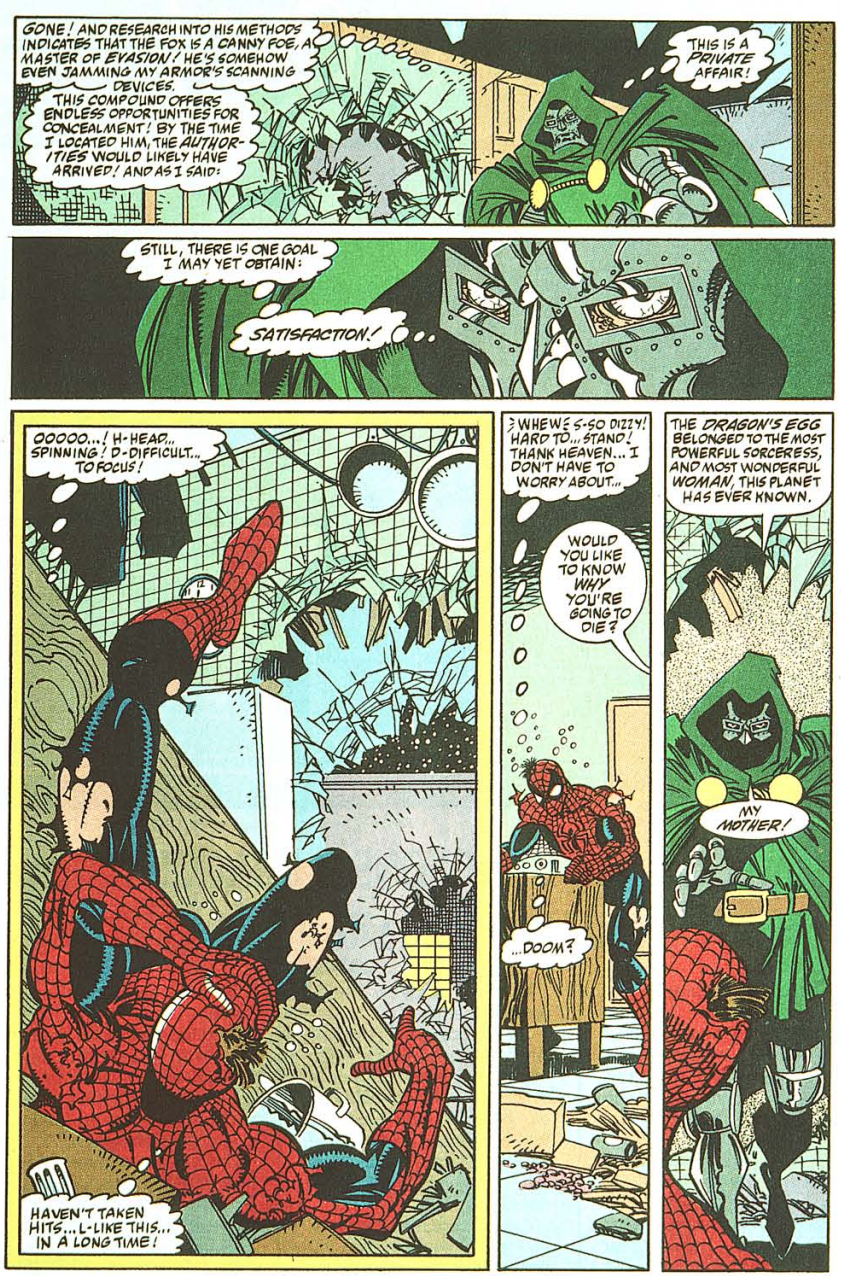




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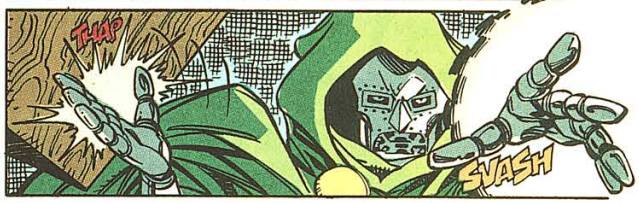

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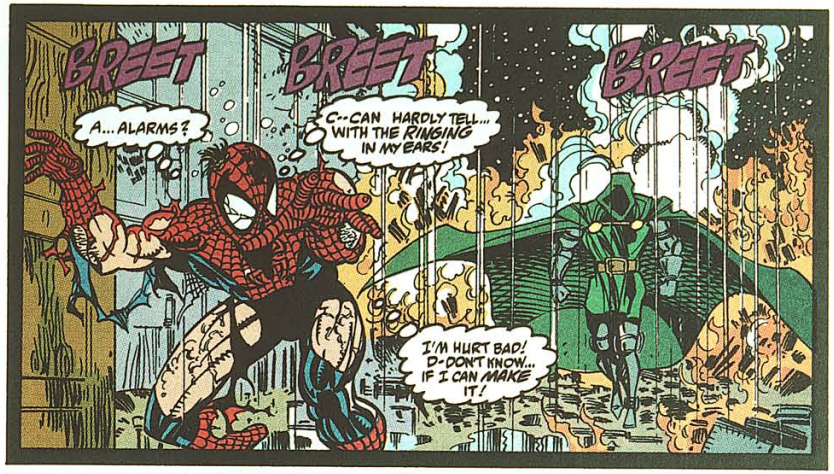


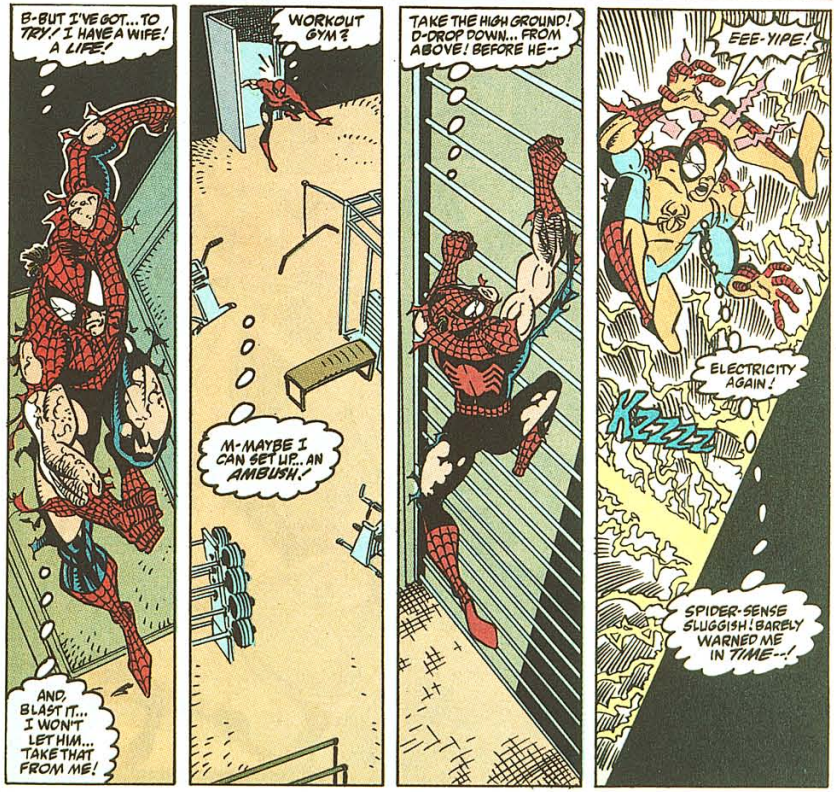




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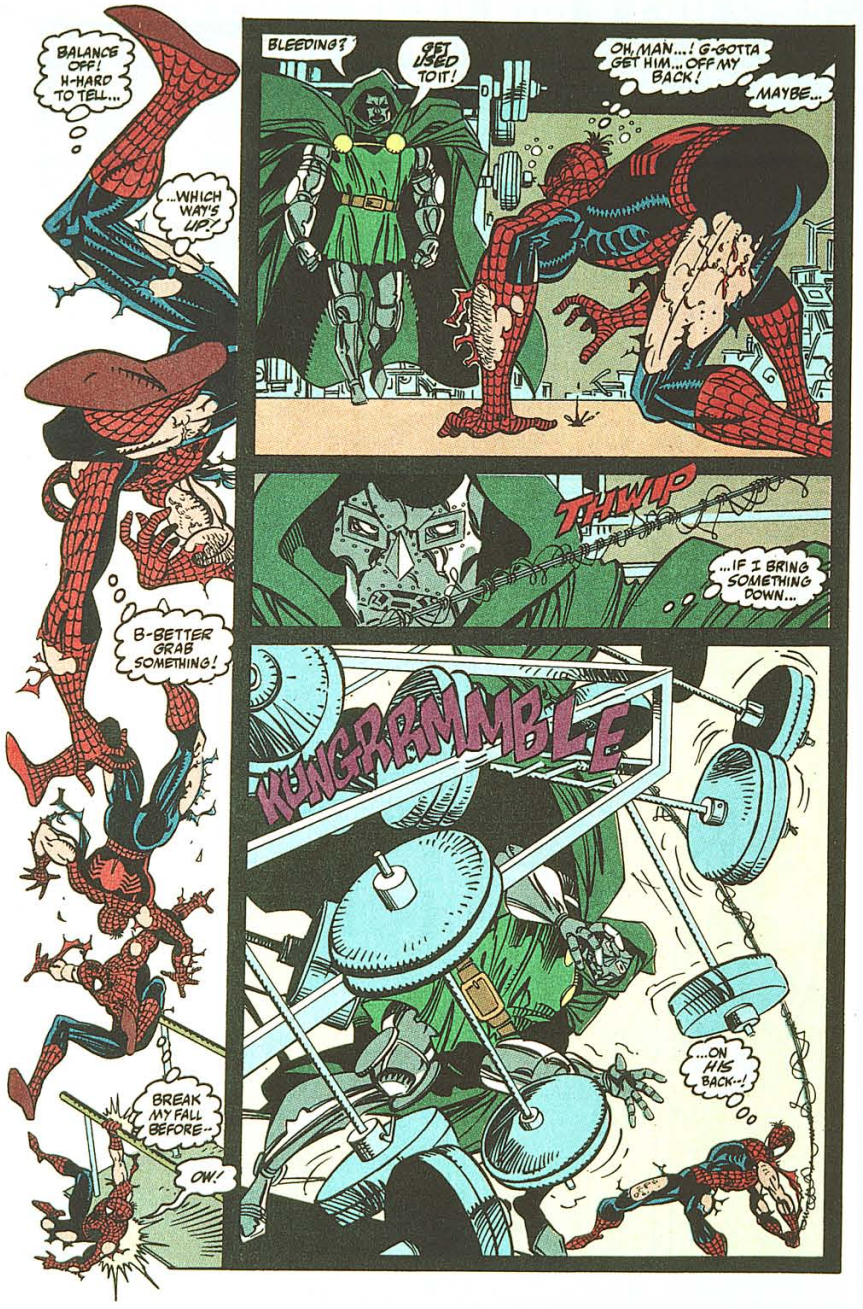


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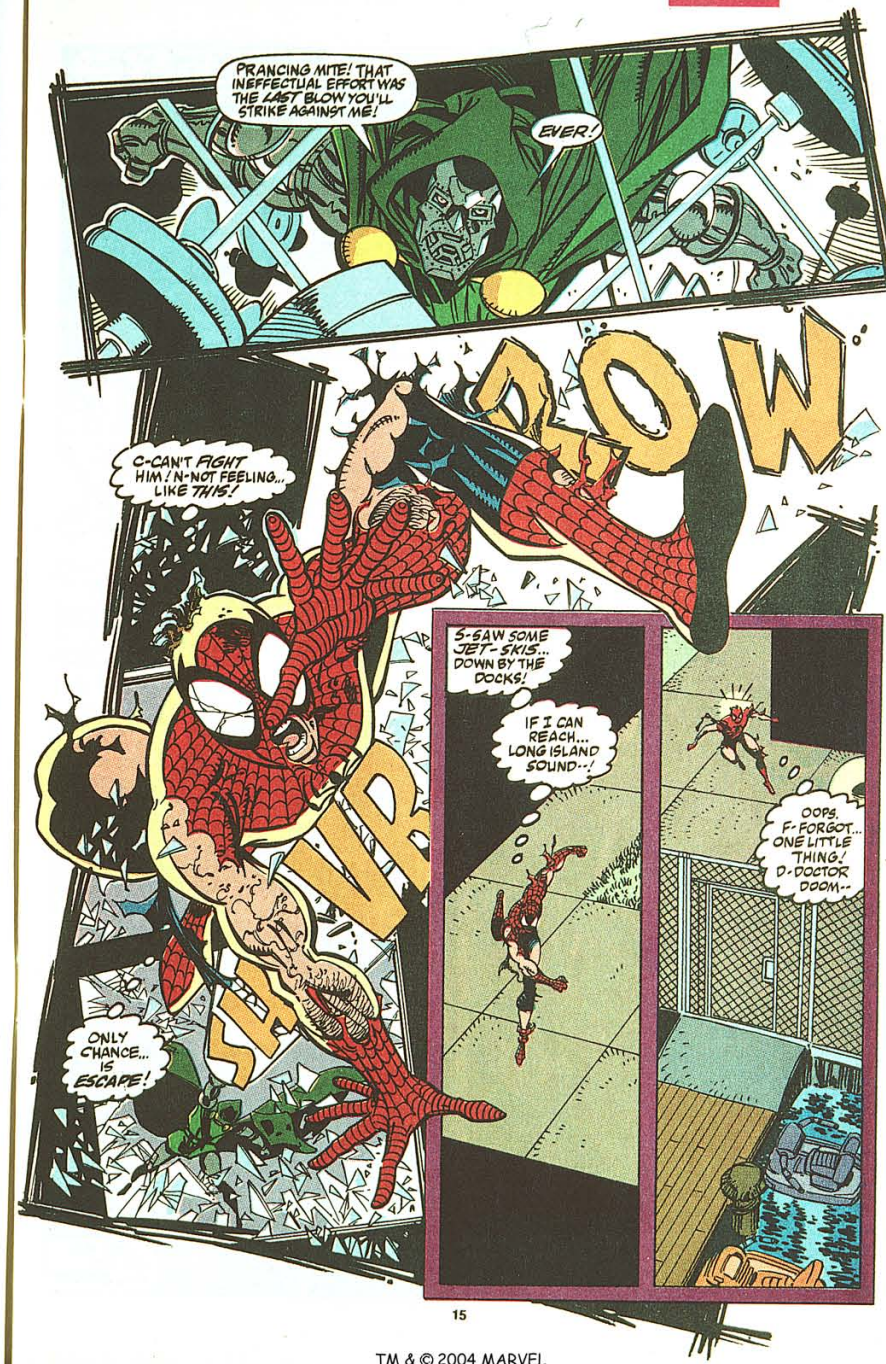




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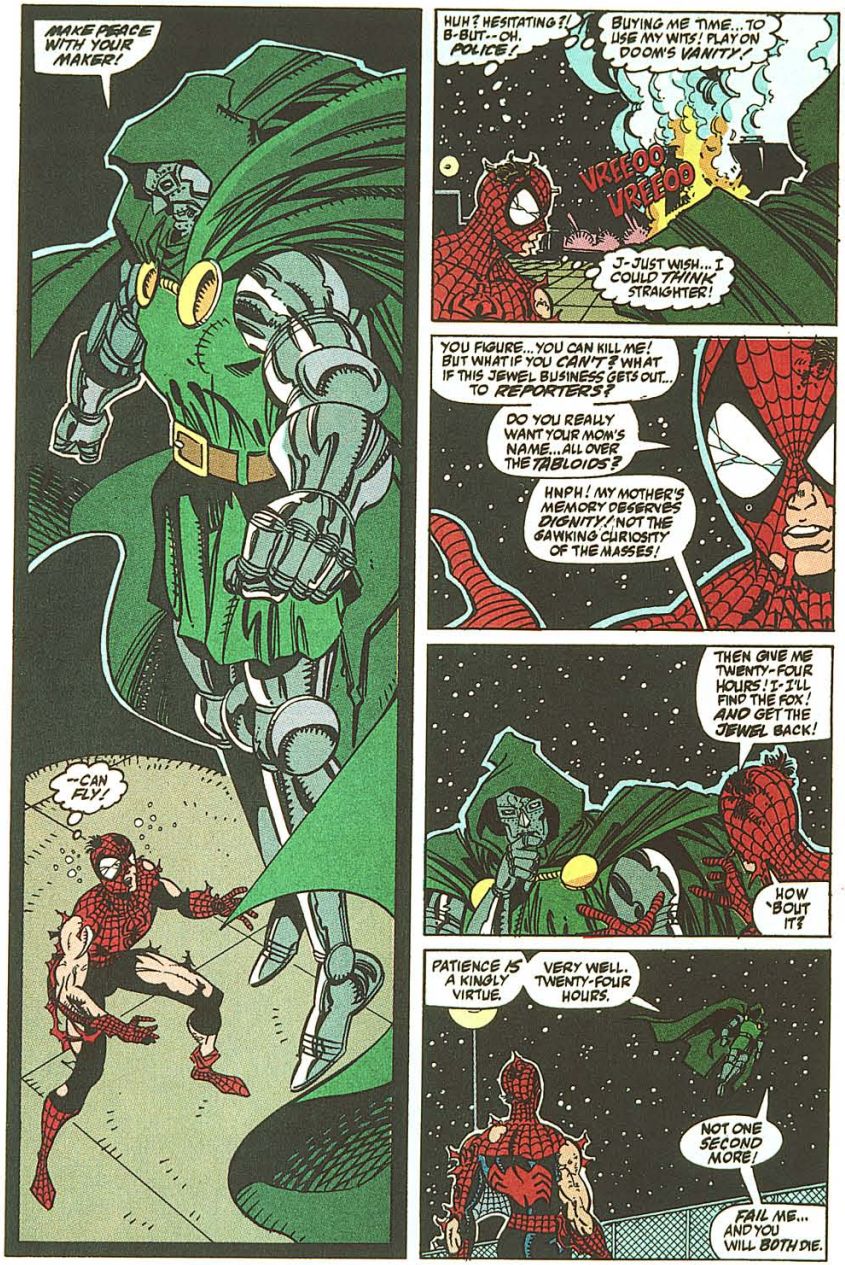




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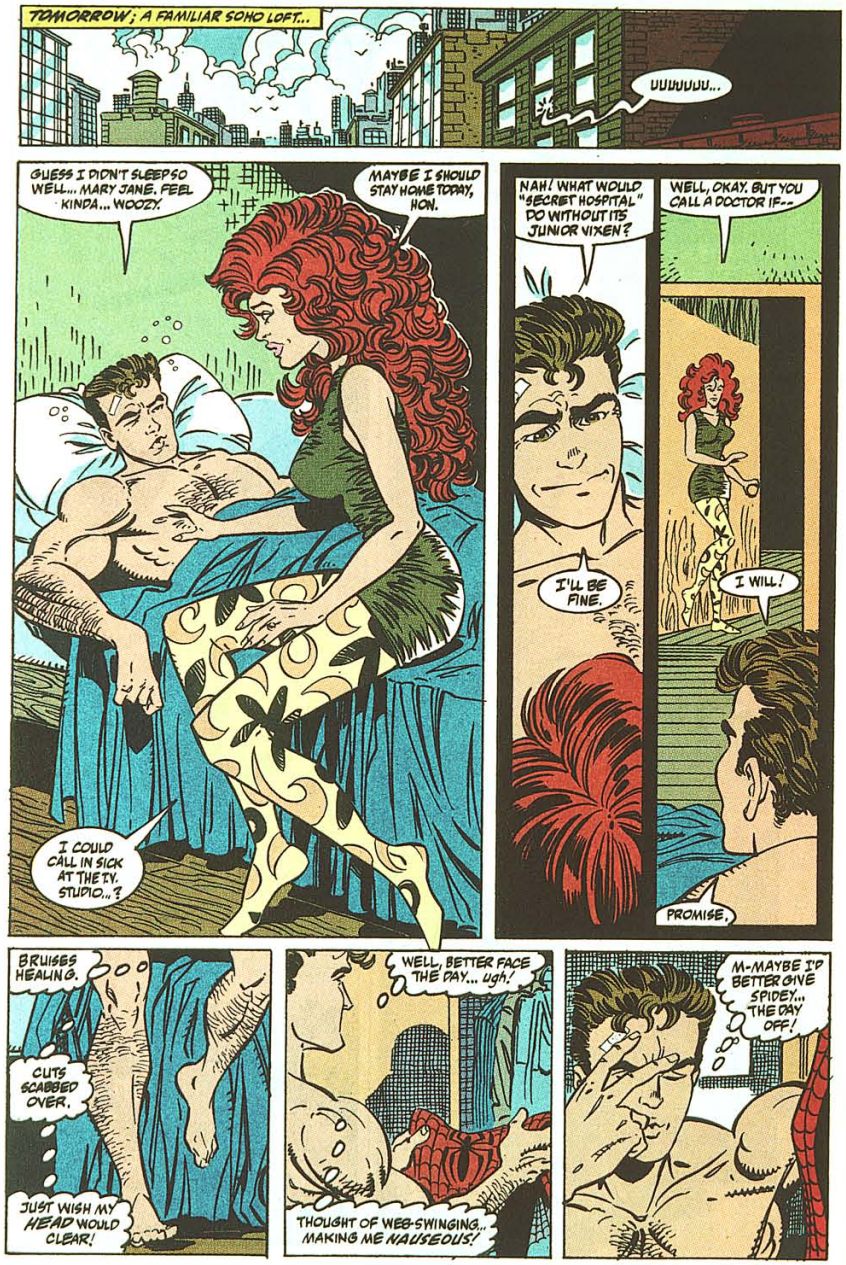




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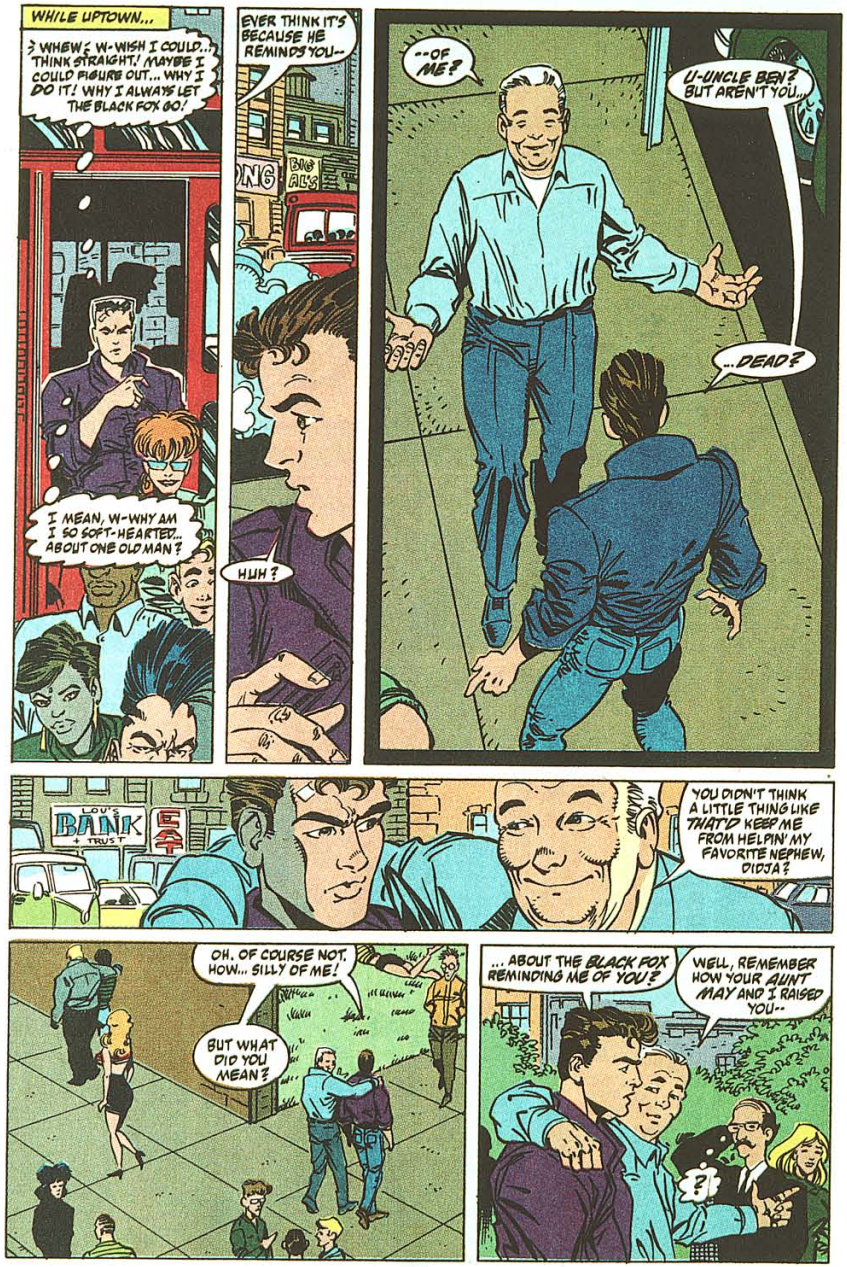



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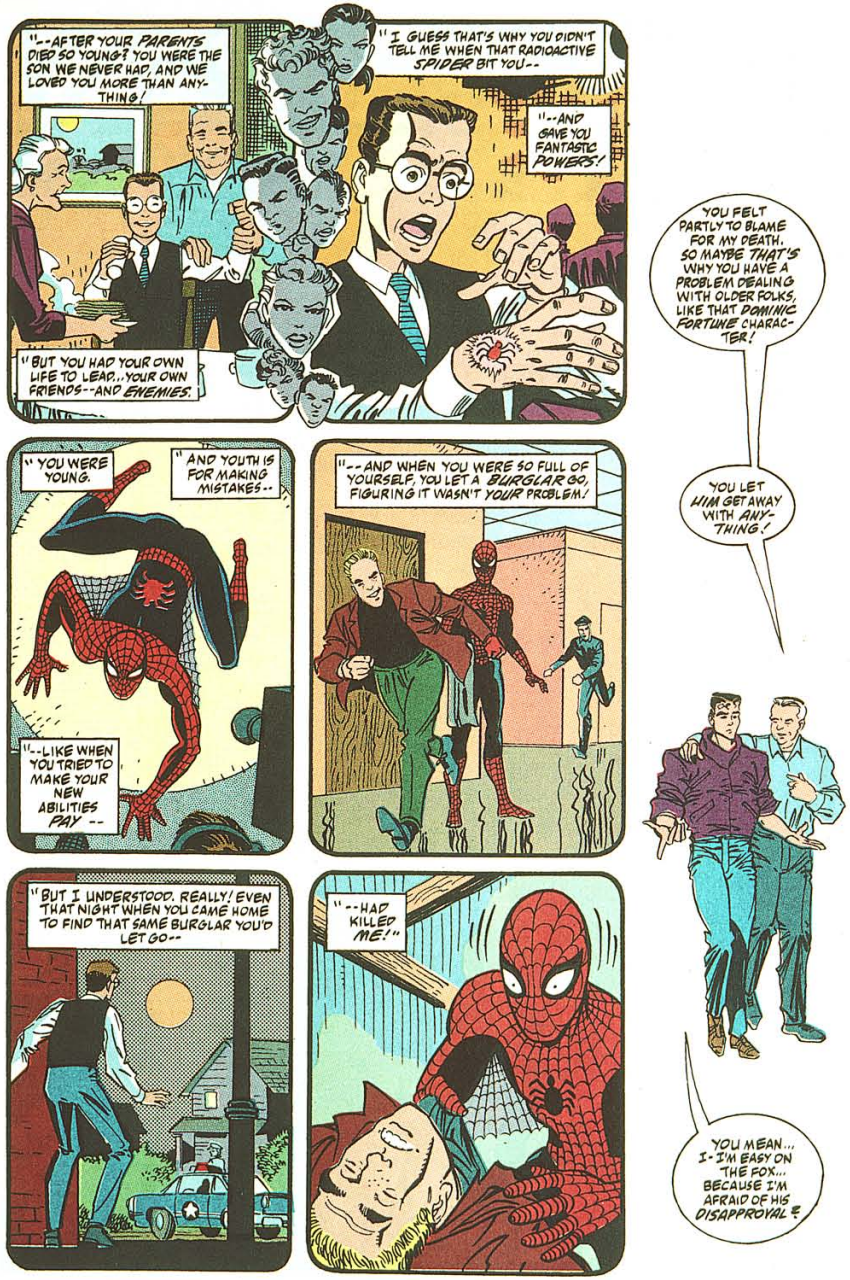



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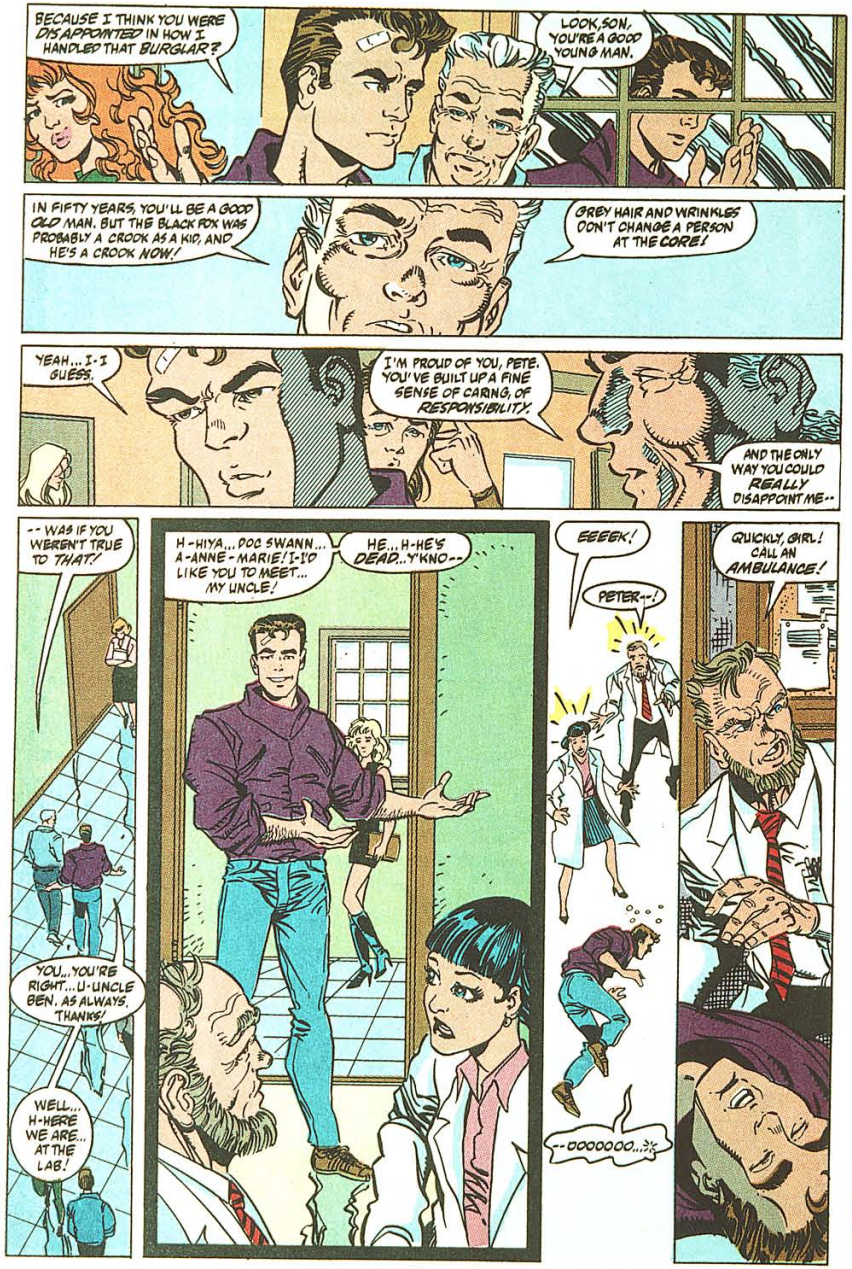



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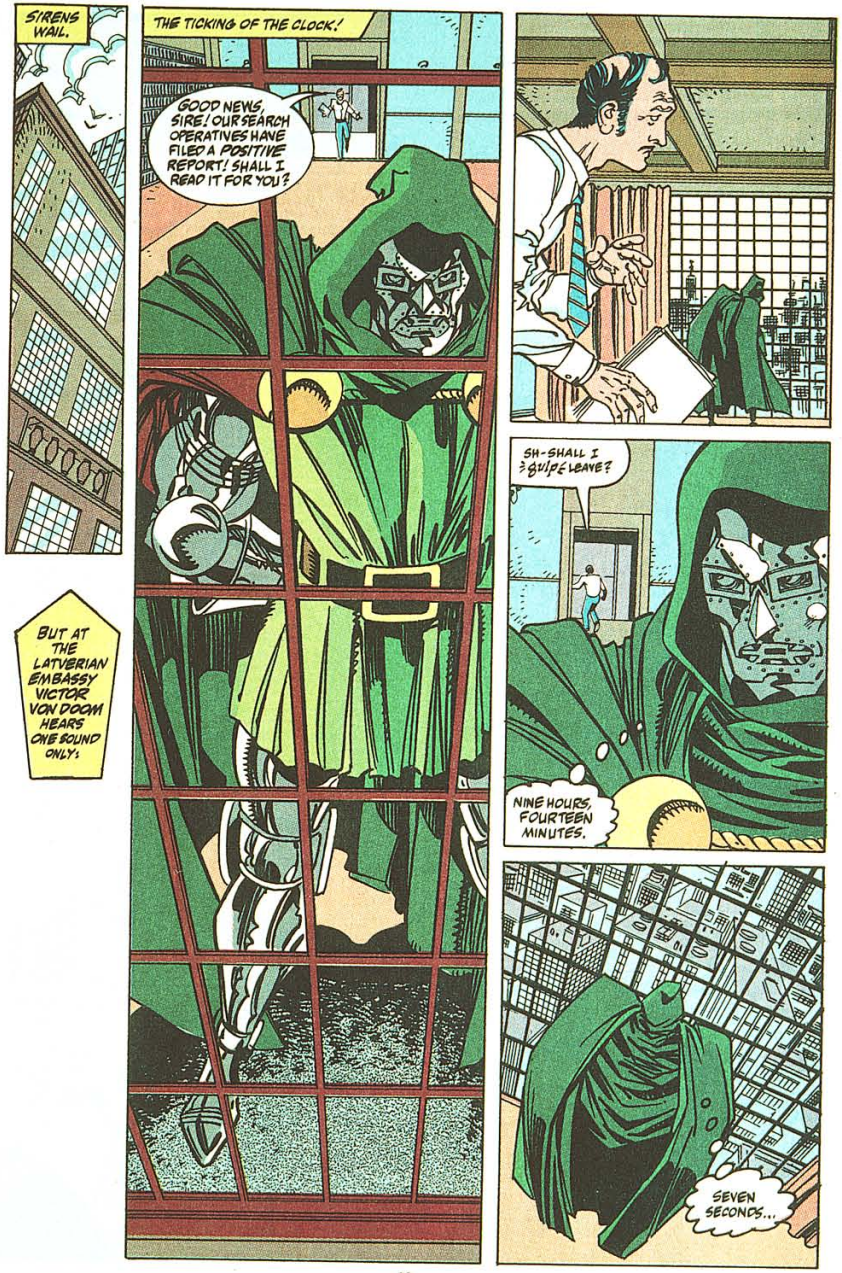



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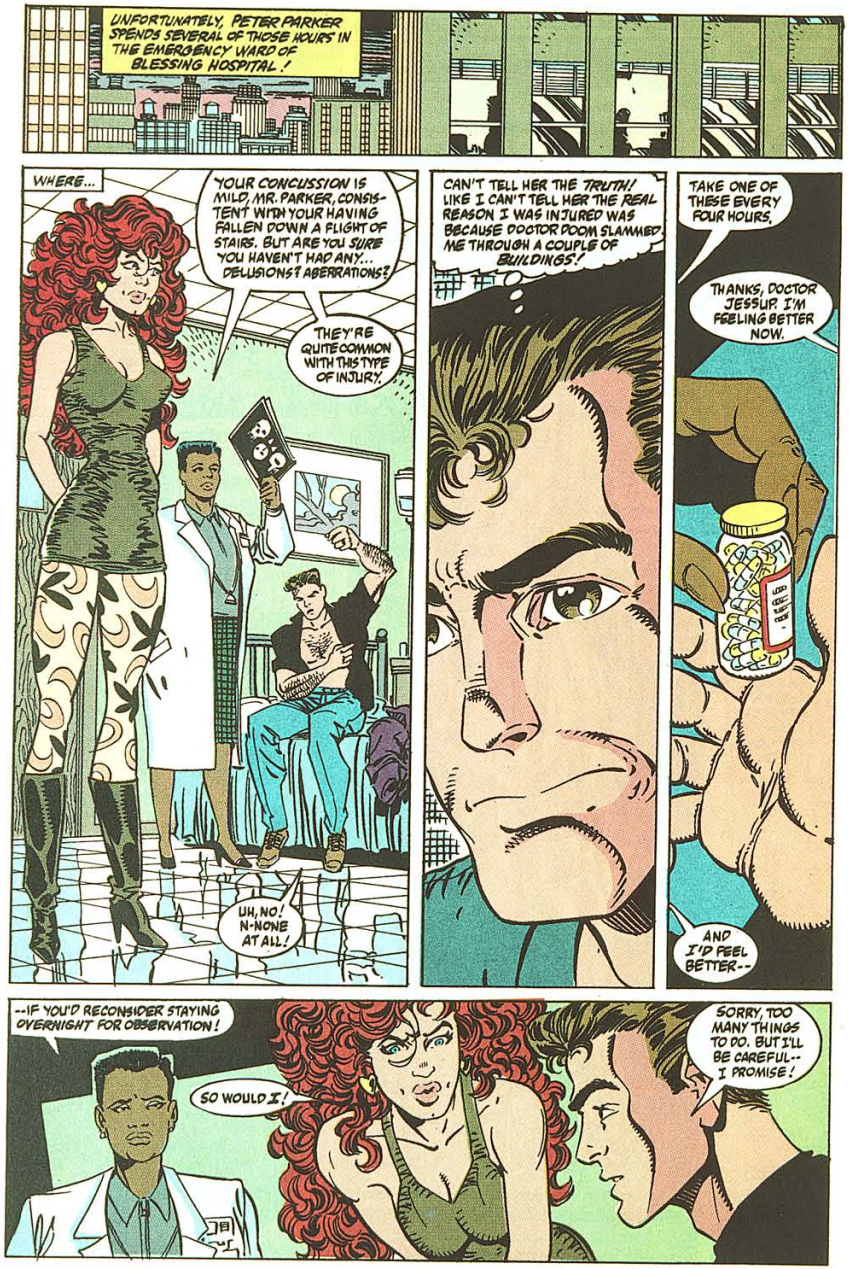



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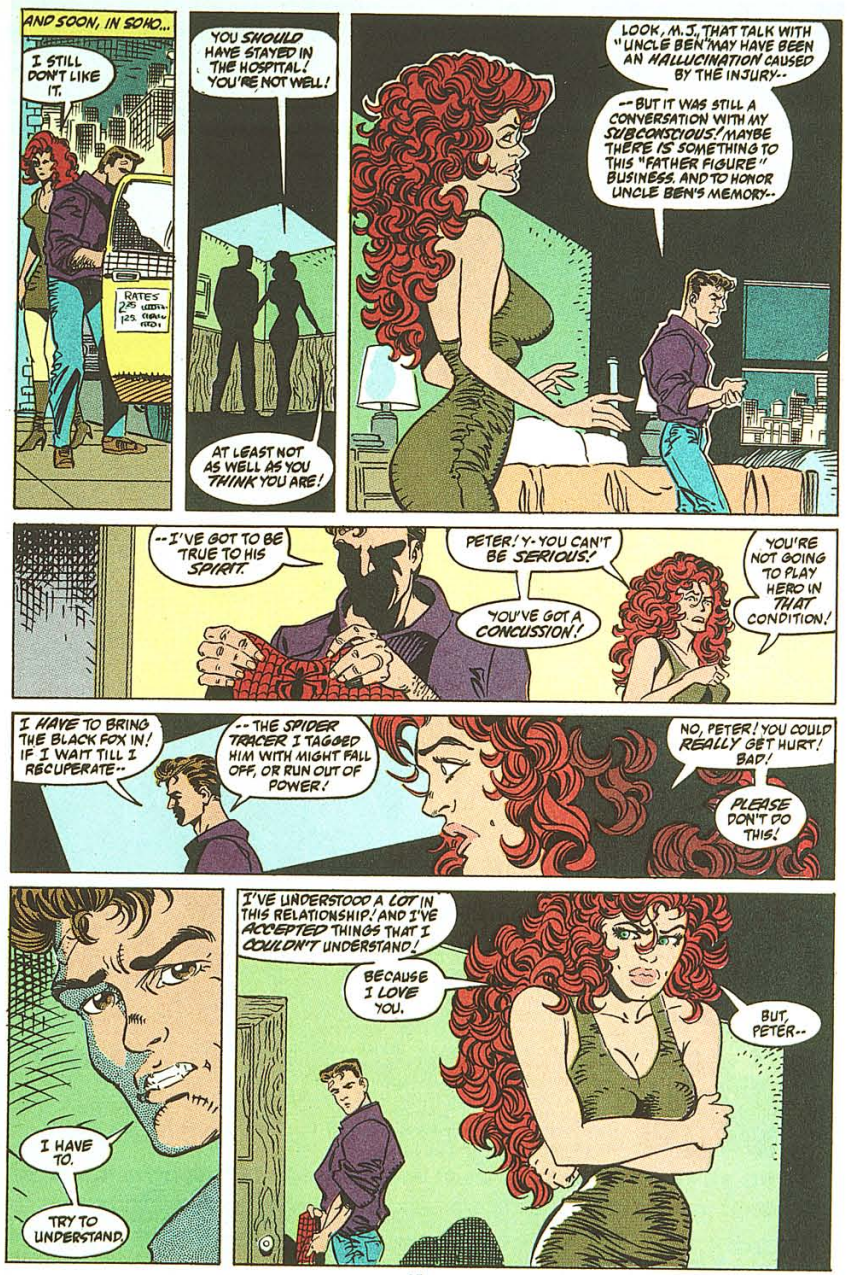



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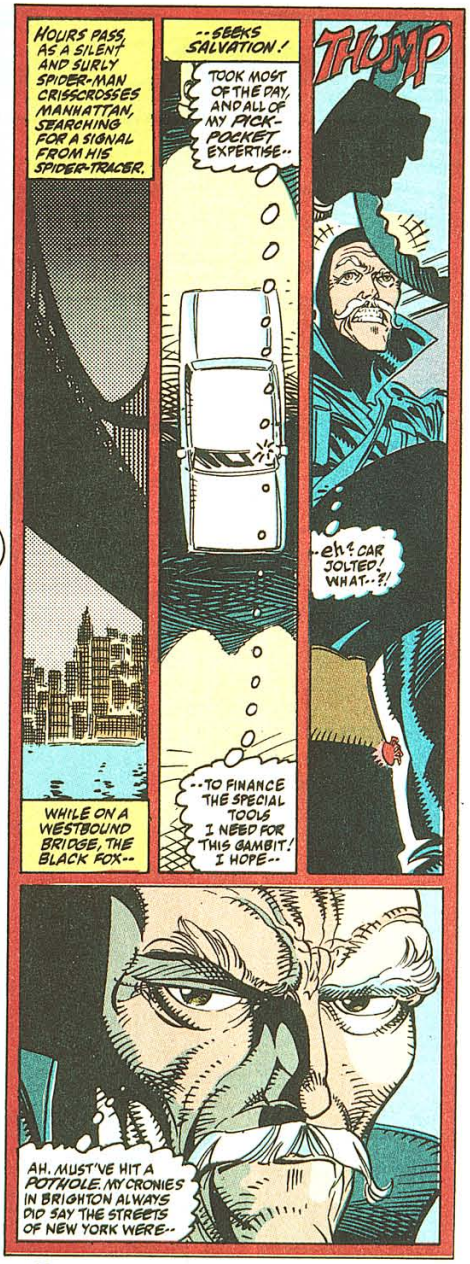




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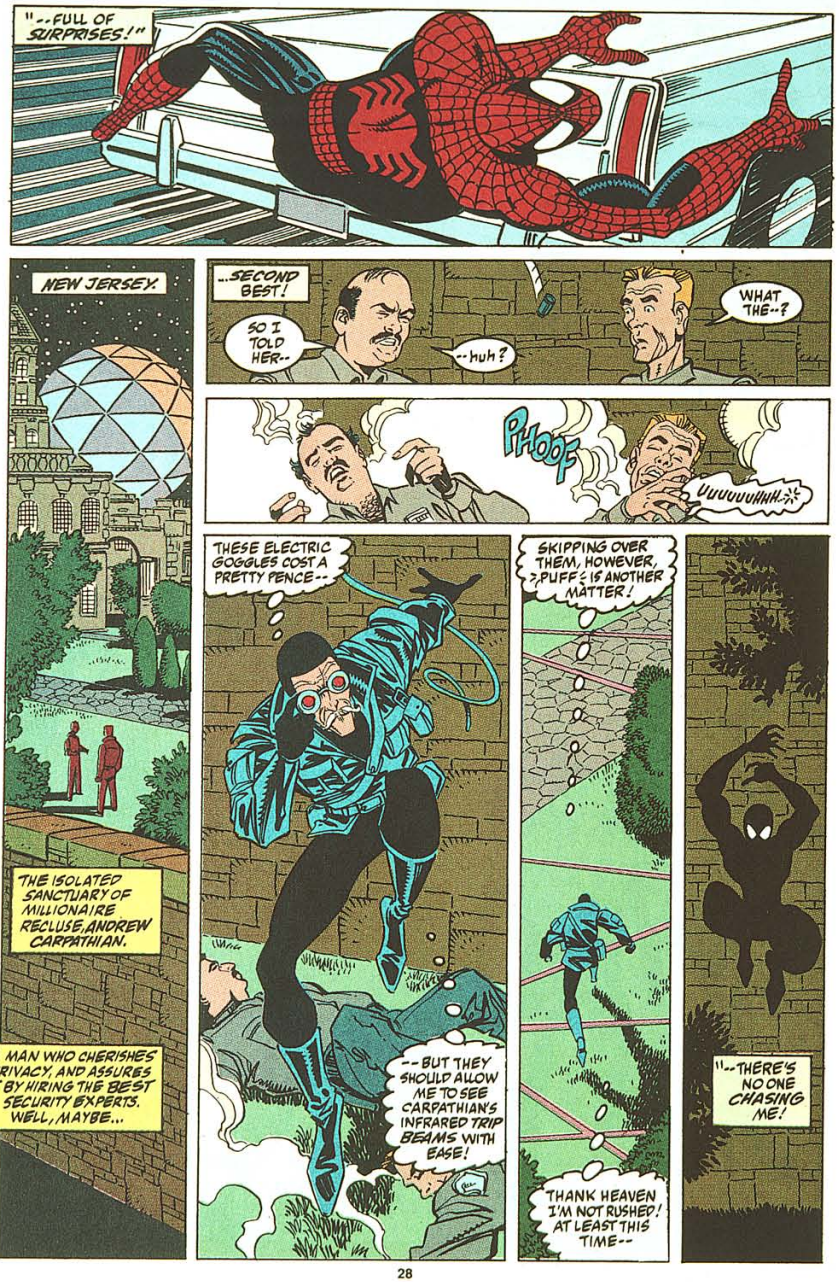



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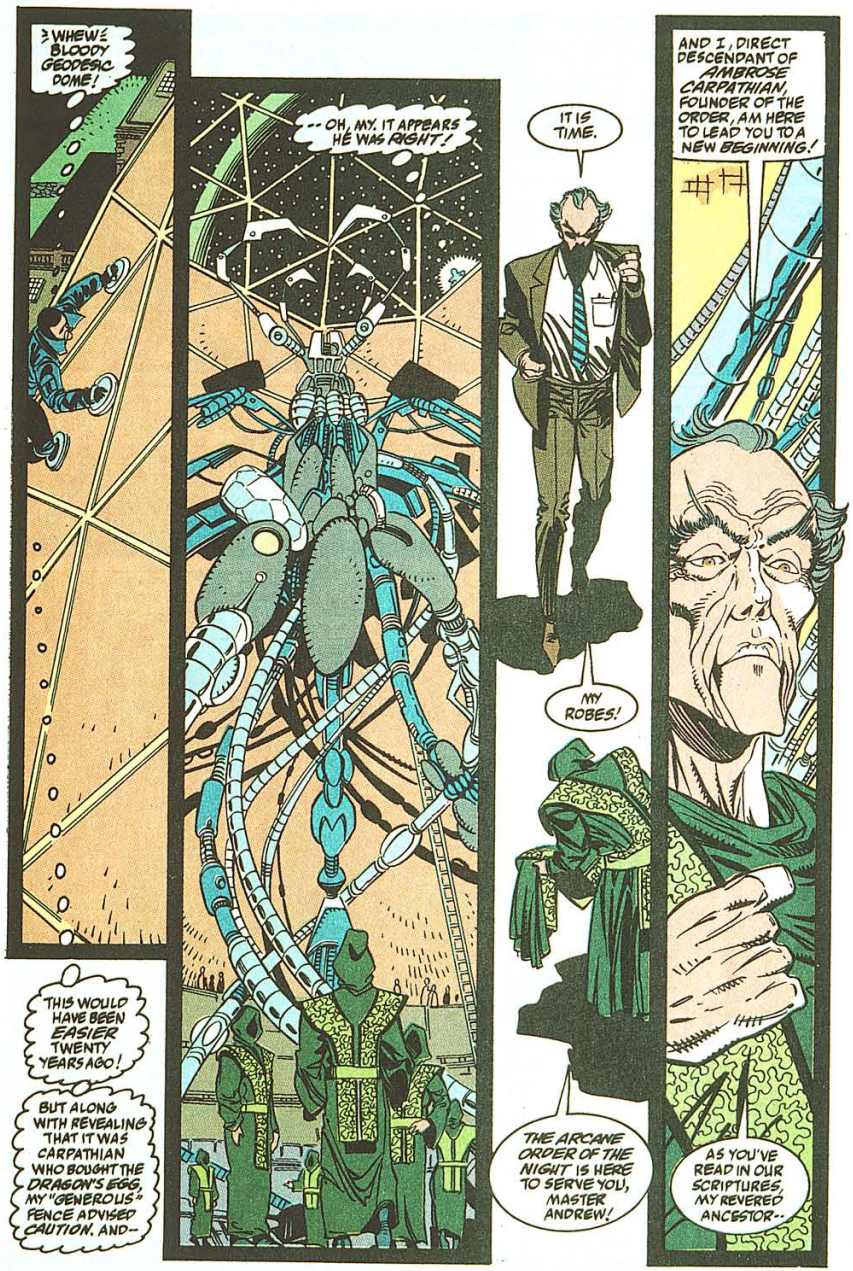



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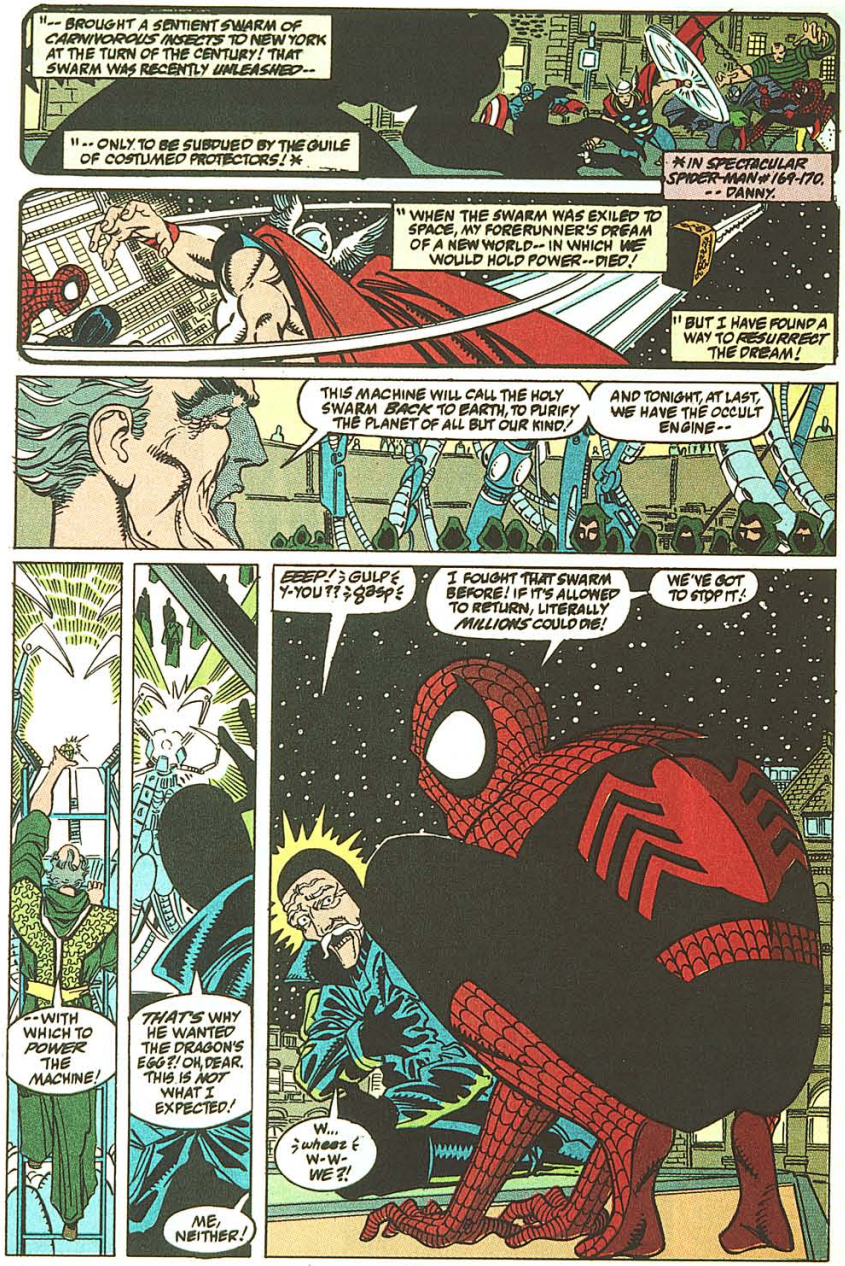




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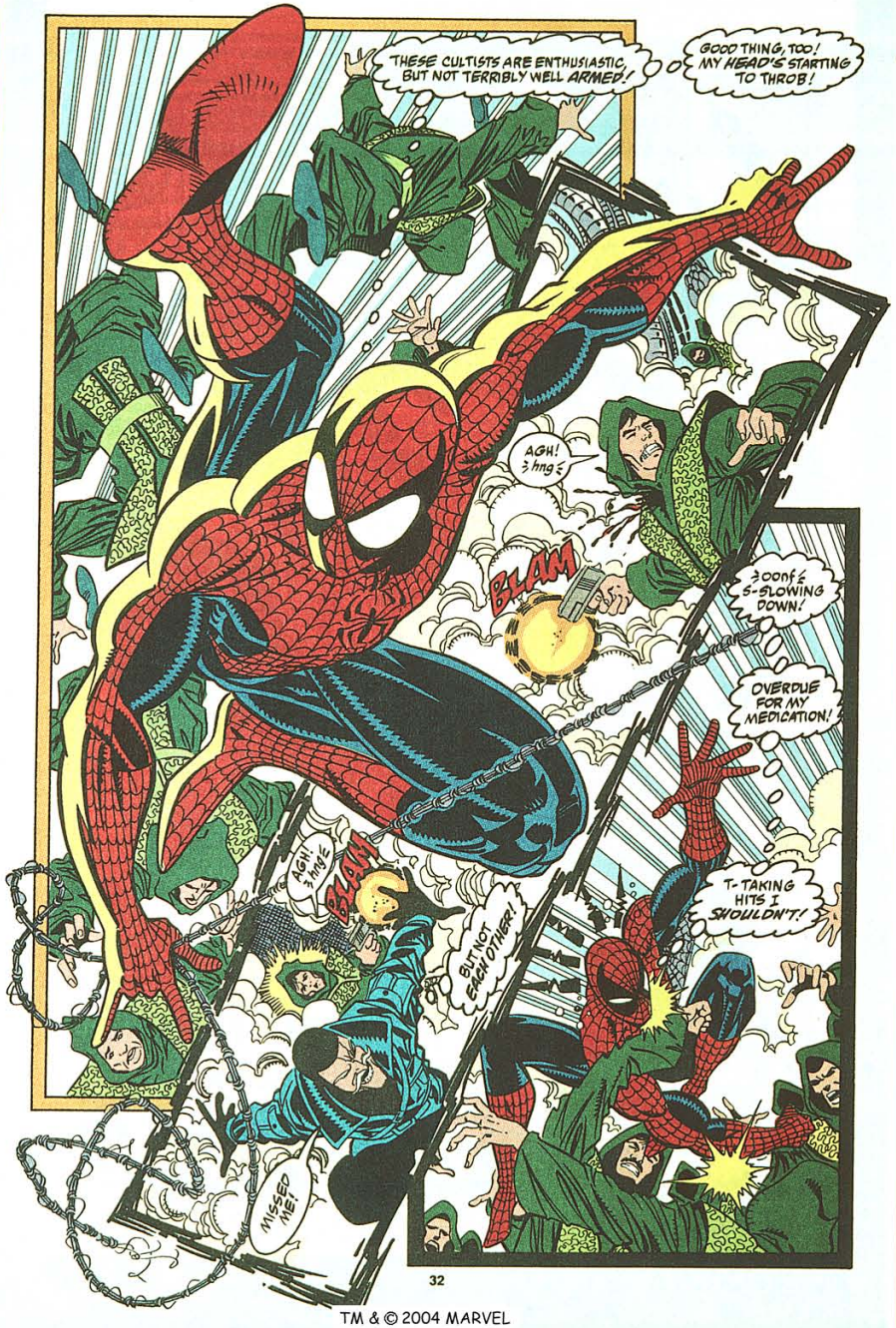




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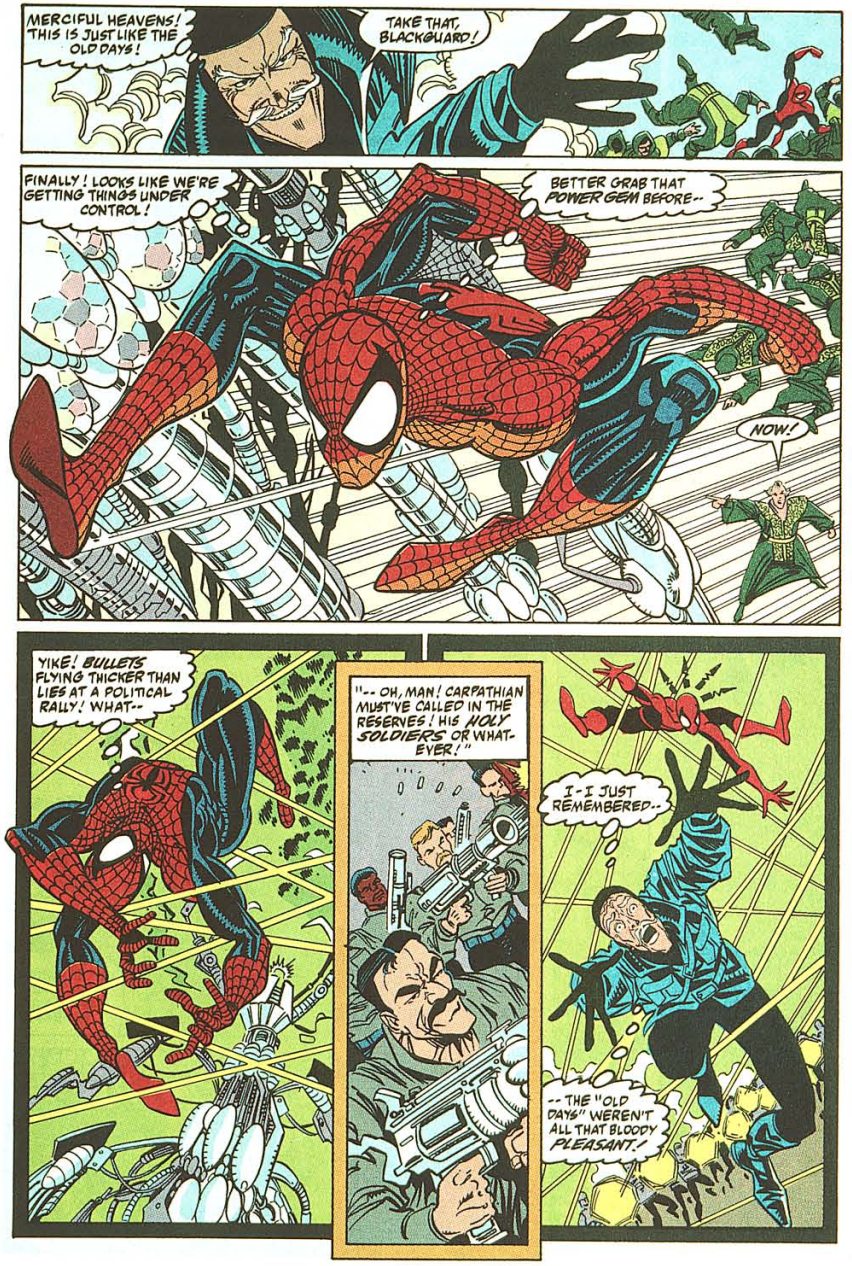




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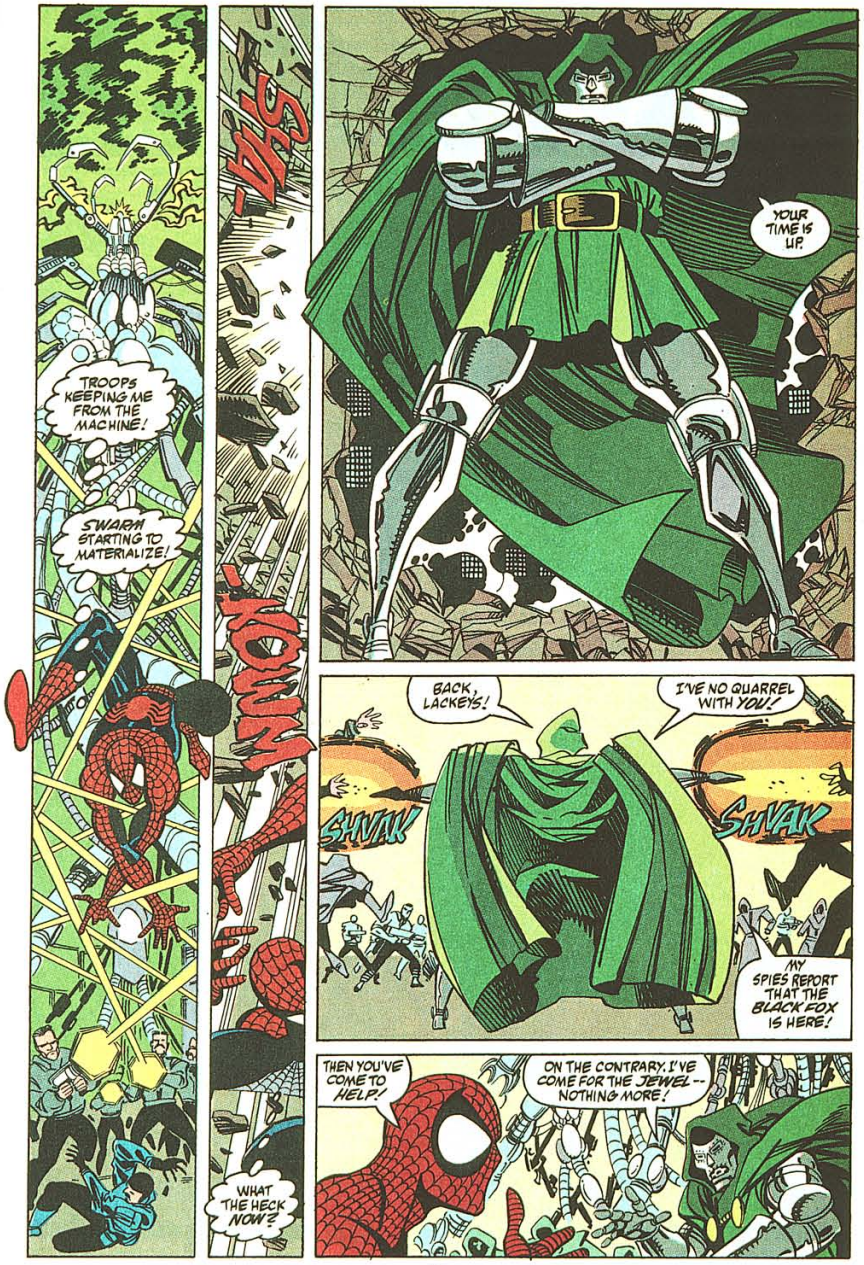




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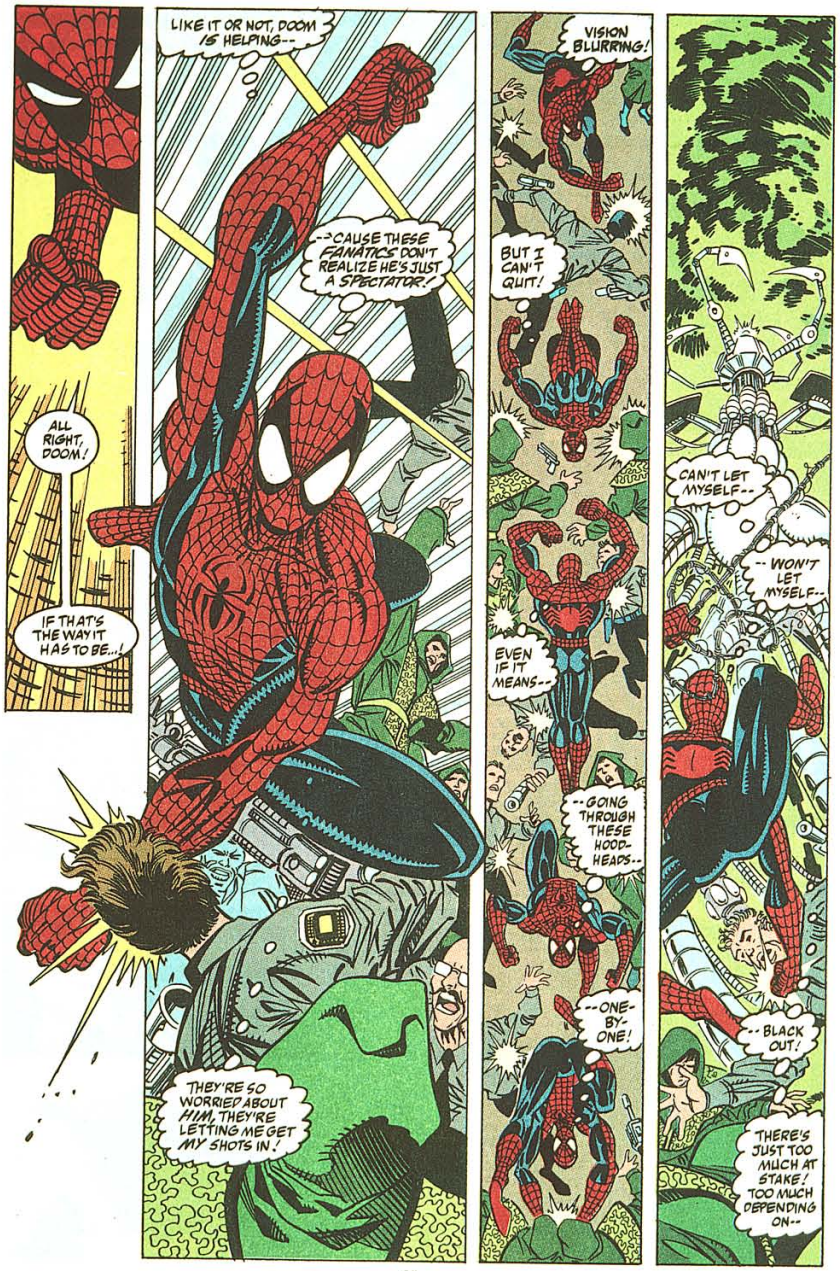




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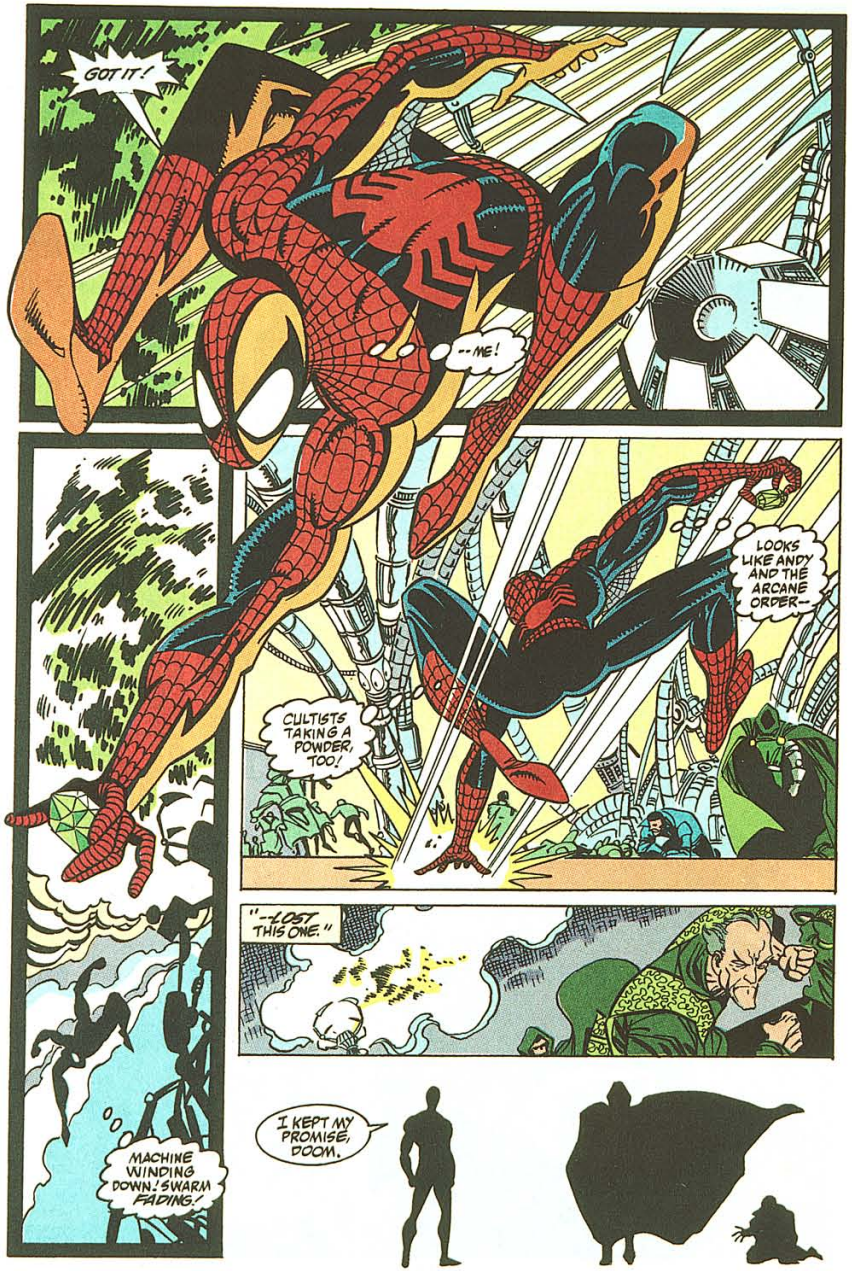




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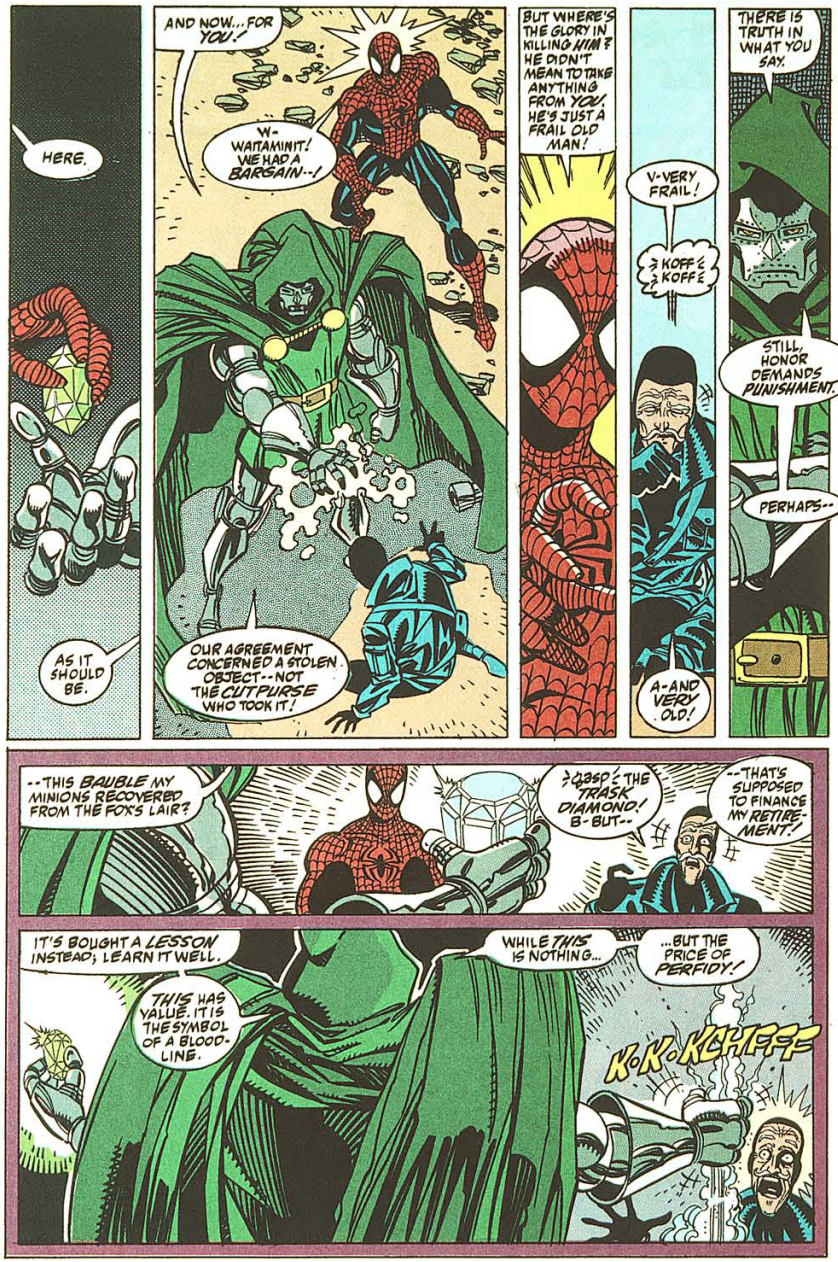




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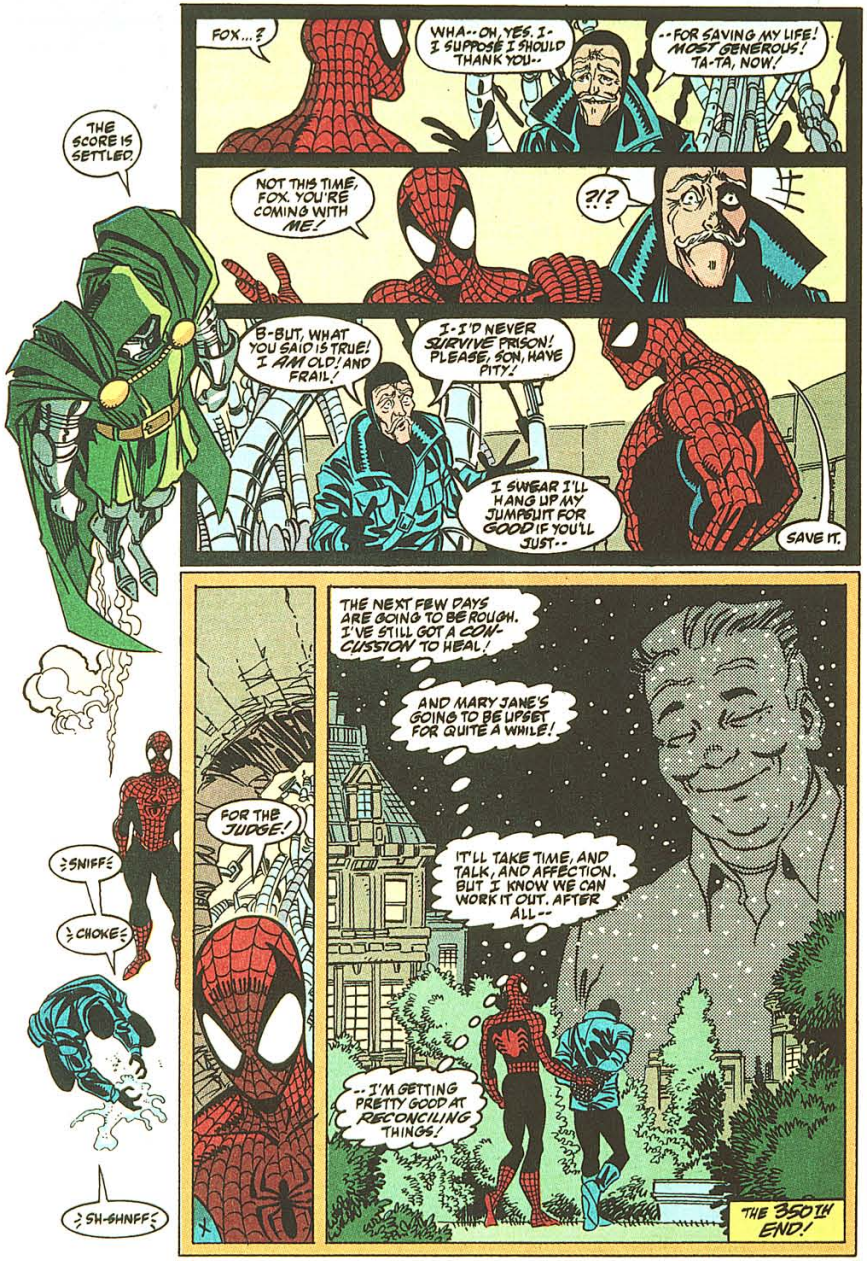



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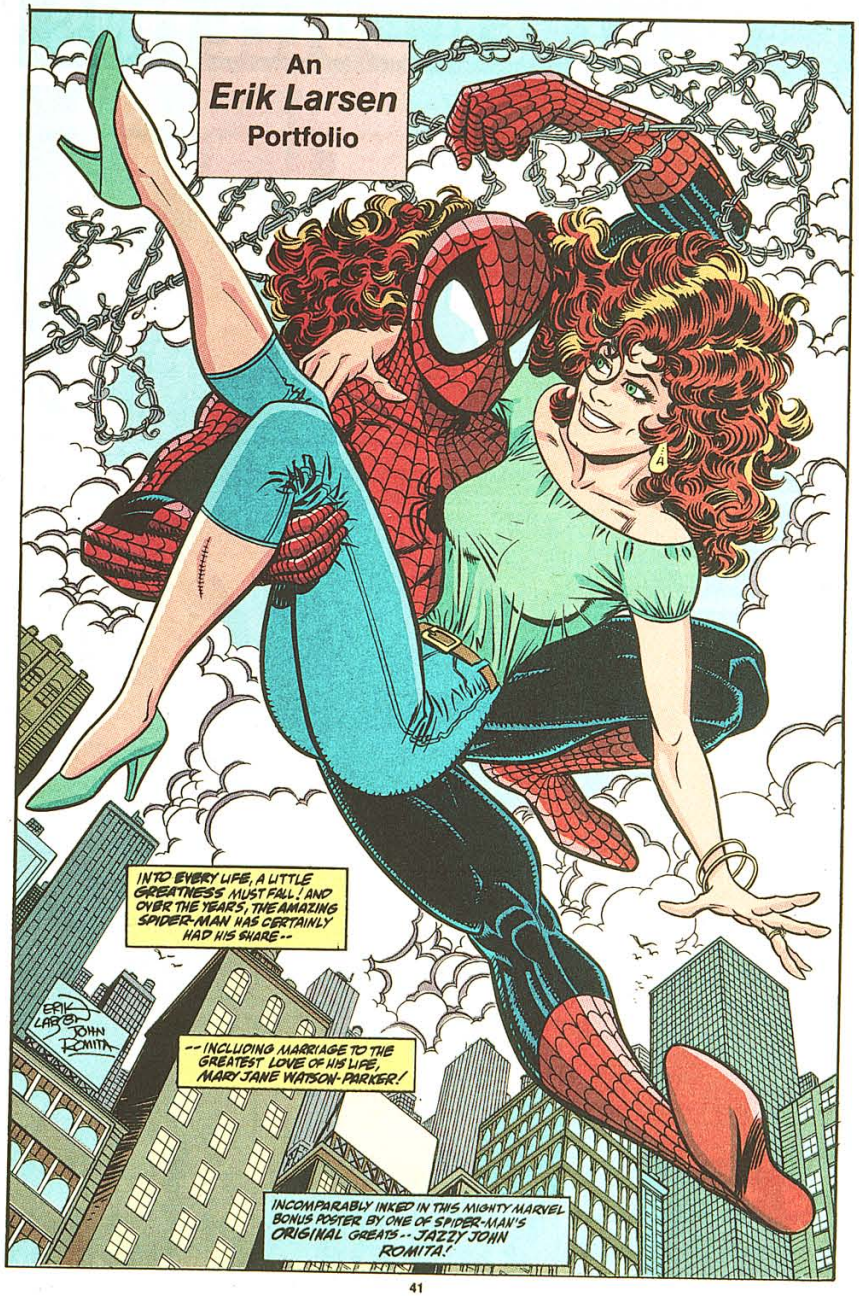



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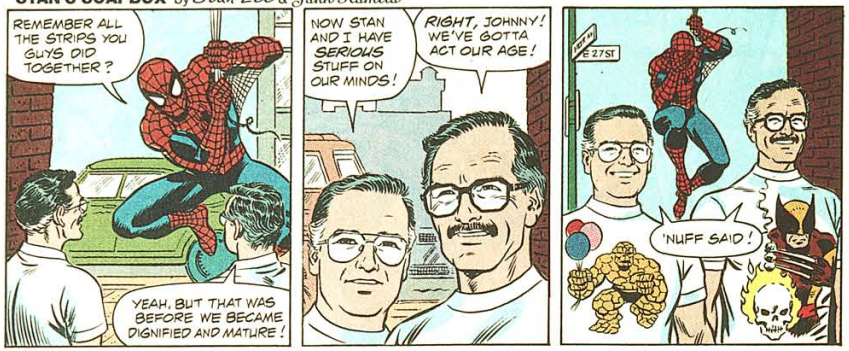


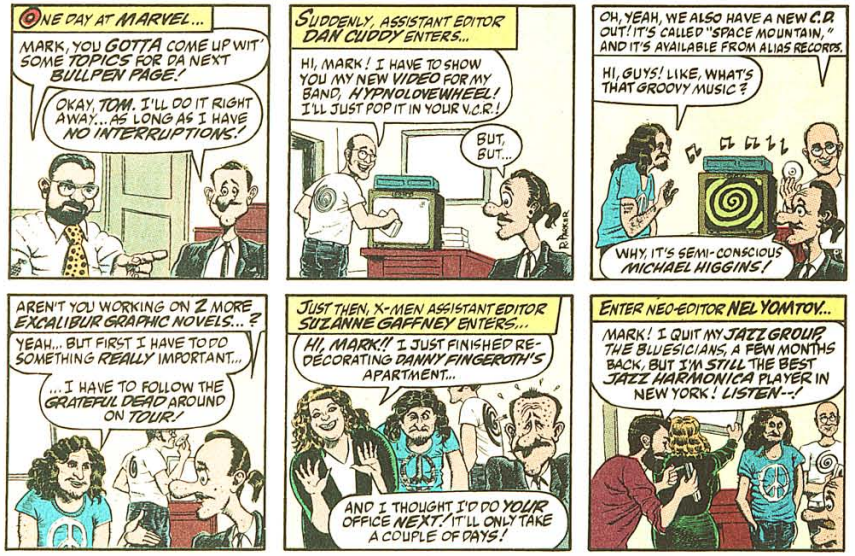


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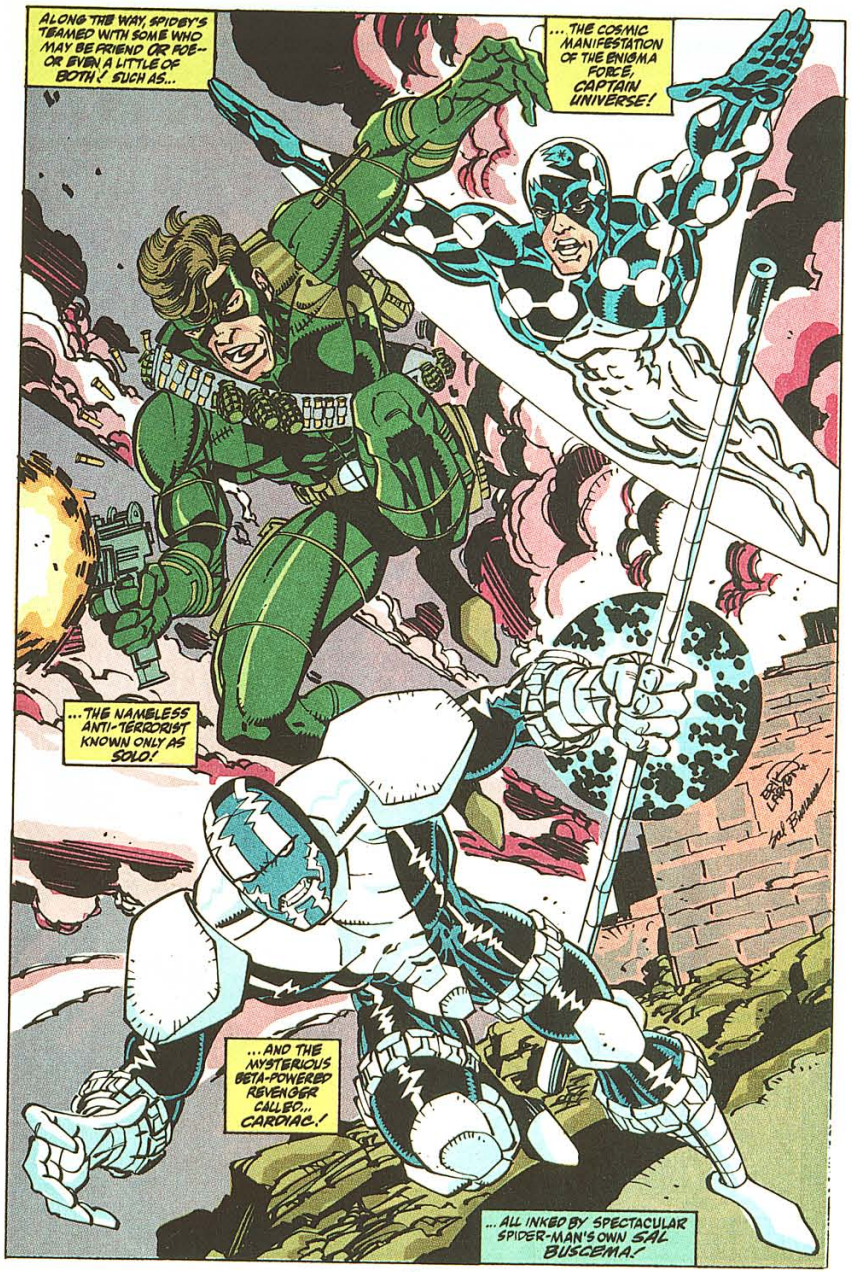




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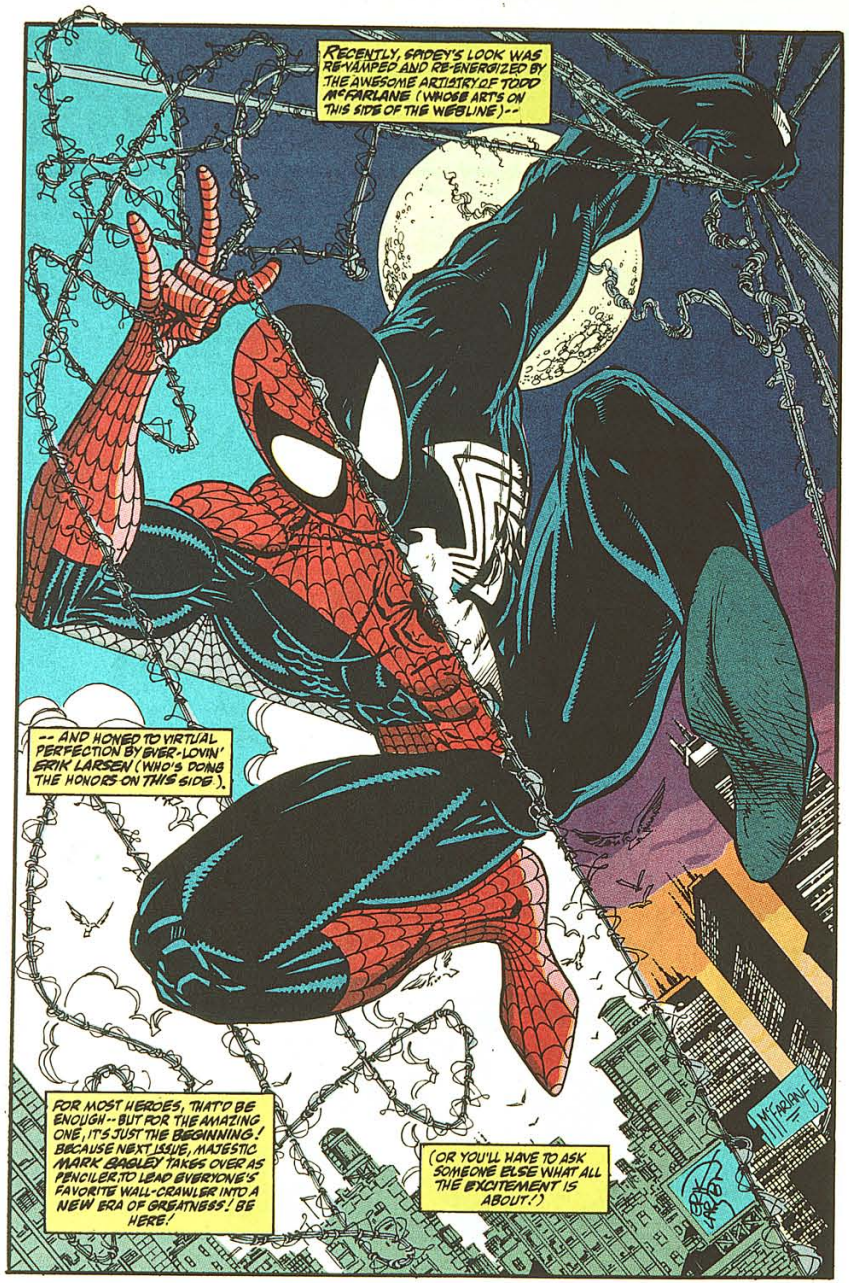




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# THE SPIDER'S WEB

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**Attention correspondents: All letters considered for publication must include your name and address, though we will withhold that information upon request.**

Dear Mighty Marvel Web-Slingers,

I am an avid comic collector, and have been collecting the Spidey titles for a few years now. Boy, has this run of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN (ISSUES #320-344) been impressive. I have seen action, as much suspense as a comic can give, character development, and Spidey beatin' up a lot of bad guys, too! I'd like to voice my humble opinion on a few topics, however:

1) La Tarantula usually has one boot spike filled with knockout potion (chloral hydrate?), and one filled with a deadly substance, as seen in issue #341. Soooo, in issue #343 when the Black Cat uses his boot spikes to combat two of the Femme Fatales, does one of them die? Or does their super-powered metabolism save them? Maybe La Tarantula left both spikes full of chloral hydrate? I don't know, I just read the book.

2) Venom. I thought it was a bold move to kill off a truly horrifying baddie like him, but now it seems you've lost your nerve. Death is a part of the real world, and it should occasionally be part of the comic world, too. The last thing your book needs is another disgruntled subplot dealing with a disgruntled foe bent on gettting revenge. Besides, Venom was creepy, and I don't want to start having nightmares about that thing again.

3) I know that the series-within-a-series deal is the latest rage, but everything in life doesn't come in neat, tidy three or six part packages. Assigning "parts" to too many issues takes some of the fun out of it for me. It takes the guessing and anticipation out of the next issue if you know the storyline won't be resolved for a few more issues.

Anyway, I like the comic and the direction it is going in, and I wish you much success in the future, as much as Spidey will need against all his foes to come. By the way, does the Rhino still lead his life of crime to get money to have an operation to become normal again?

Till Spidey quits feeling responsible,
Make Mine Marvel!

Craig Bursch
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**1) Don't worry, Craig, both Mindblast and Knockout are recovering quite nicely from La Tarantula's poison.**

**2) We thought the sign of a good villain was one that caused nightmares! Read on to learn what your contemporaries felt about Venom's undeath.**

**3) You mean, you'd rather not know up front when a particular storyline is going to end? What do the rest of you folks think?**

**As for the Rhino, we hope you've been following his exploits in our DEADLY FOES OF SPIDER-MAN Limited Series to learn about his current motivations. The fourth and final issue issue is on sale now, and tells all about how Rhino got that new hide he wore in AMAZING #344.**

Dear dudes at Marvel,

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN is one of my favorite comic books and in issue #333 you came up with a creative and original idea to end the terror of Venom. After that issue he went down as one of Spidey's greatest and most feared villains. Then in issue #344 you bring him back! Please don't let the mighty Venom turn into a sap the way so many other of Spidey's great enemies have.

The more times you bring a villain back, the more boring he becomes. His plans are predictable and his character is redundant, a la the Green Goblin. So come on, Venom's death in #333 was a surprise, but nevertheless, a fitting end to a great villain. Hey, I liked Venom as much as the next guy but please, please, please don't let him become an unoriginal, univentive and lame character by bringing him back again and again! You guys are more creative than that.

Also I did enjoy Mark Bagley's work on issue #345, but I hope this doesn't mean you're going to get rid of Erik Larsen. So until Aunt May starts dating Wolverine, Make Mine Marvel!

Dave 'Skeleton Head' Morello
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**No plans for a Wolvie and Aunt May romance, Dave, but we're glad you enjoyed Mark Bagley's work on ASM #345! As you probably know, Mark's coming on as regular penciler starting next issue! If you've been following NEW WARRIORS (which he'll be staying on regularly, too) you know how good he can be!**

**And as for Erik, he's working on a top-secret project he'll be writing and pencilling which will be ROCKETING its way to you soon! (Yep. That was a hint.)**

**And check out SPECTACULAR for J.M. DeMatteis's *very* new take on Hobgoblin.**

Dear Danny,

Here's my vote for having Mark Bagley as ASM's regular penciler! His artwork in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #345 was a big improvement from his CAPTAIN AMERICA and NEW WARRIORS issues.

The story itself was your typical extraordinary Michelinie book. Although Cardiac started off as a neo-Punisher clone, it's good to see there's more to him. His mysterious background is good, too. Keep it that way.

My only objection to the issue was Venom's reappearance. (I mean, c'mon, guys, what is this--Venom's 50th time at getting revenge since his introduction three years ago?!?!) Unless he's going to do some serious damage to our favorite web-spinner like kill Aunt May or something (hint, hint), try to keep from over-using Eddie Brock and his alter-ego, Venom.

Besides that, keep Spider-Man fresh and active. And is there a Spidey-Baby in the Parker's future?

Tim Walls
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**Let's put it this way, Tim: you'll probably be seeing Venom long before you ever see a Spider-Baby!**

Dear Spider-Crew,

After reading AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #345 I have only one thing to say; keep Mark Bagley! He beats Larsen easily. Aunt May, Mary Jane, and Peter look much better. Also, get rid of Caridac. He is a weirdo with a capital WEIRD! His suit is strange and his powers stink.

As for future issues, here is what I want and don't want. What I want is: Michelinie, Bagley, and Emberlin on the book. I want the super-heroes Solo, Punisher, Captain America, and Daredevil. I want the super-villains Sinister Syndicate, Killer Shrike, Abomination, Shocker, Scorpion, Hobgoblin, a new Meteor Man, Absorbing Man, X-Factor as an enemy, Griffin, Blacklash, the Wrecking Crew, Grey Gargoyle, Freedom Force, and Juggernaut.

What I don't want: Larsen, Chameleon, Lizard, Vulture, Doc Ock, Tarantula, Cardiac, Femme Fatales, Wolverine, Justin Hammer, Silver Sable, Venom every ten issues (maybe every 30 or so), Sandman, and gang war stories. One more thing; if Larsen does stick around, as I feel he will, don't give Spidey a red and black costume as in #s 340-344.

Well, till Aunt May owns an AK-47, Make Mine Marvel.

Michael Prichard
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**That's a tall order to fill, Michael. Some of the villains you want to see appeared in DEADLY FOES. The Abomination just appeared in the HULK, and Todd McFarlane says he may have plans for the Juggernaut in an upcoming issue of SPIDER-MAN**

**NEXT: The debut of Mark Bagley as regular AMAZING penciler. ('S' long, Erik. Sniff.) And Mr. B's bringing along New Warrior *Nova* to join Spidey for the first part of a two-part battle against the dreaded *Tri-Sentinel!* Be here for the fireworks!**

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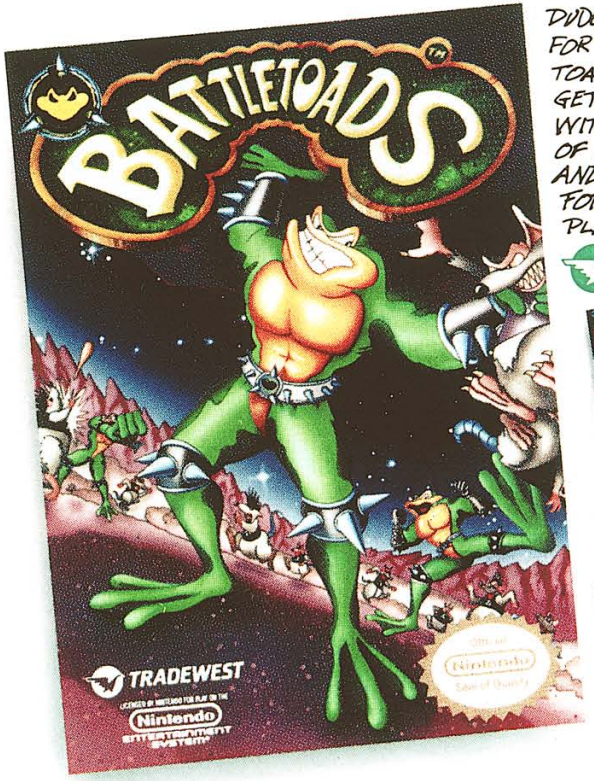


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